Britain plans big increase in trade with Saudis

is to be a big increase in n's trade with Saudi Arabia at reducing this country's oil the Chancellor told MPs day within hours of his return Rivadh. The Saudis intended

to increase their holdings of currency in Britain and to extend their investments. A joint working party would meet in Rivadh in February to draw up a medium-term programme for increasing trade.

ealey move to boost City morale

ntary Correspondent

t hours of his return apparently successful Saudi Arabia, the of the Exchequer moved swiftly to amoved swiftly to be sagging morale of and to raise confiin sterling on the exchange markets.

statement to s Mr Healey said that the conditions of the nt reached in Riyadh t there would be hig s in British trade with rabia, aimed at reducsize of the oil deficit Britain now had to

ng of the friendly and tive nature of the Ar Healey said that trabian ministers had themselves in farour iple of his plans, to be by the International is into investment in trol.

many spheres.

The Chancellor told the House that to assist in the development of closer economit and industrial cooperation between the two countries it increasing trade.

While not specifying the particular spheres in which trade and investment would be increased. Mr Healey said it was desirable that funds of the oil producers should be invested not only in monetary instruments but also in produc-

tive enterprises by the laternational tegic or economic importance Fund, for recycling did not fall under foreign con-

rances that it was the closer links now being forged, load sterling in a hurry and the control of the Saudis not arranged for Lord Ashby, Masnaintain but to inter of Clare College, Camparliamentary report, page 5

crease holdings of currency in bridge, and Chancellor of Britain and to develop and increase investment here in visit Saudi Arabia within the

next few weeks.

He would be discussing the development of university edu cation.

Urged by Mr Carr, the shadow Chancellor, to explain reports that Saudi Arabia would in future expect oil payments to be made in dollars, the Chancellor and the dollars, was agreed to set up a joint reports that Saudi Arabia working party of officials. The sim of this committee, which would be holding its first meeting in Riyadh in February, would be to produce a medium-term programme for reports that companies were increasing trade. selling sterling to meet tax and royalty payments in dollars. He had been assured that

this decision was purely to simplify matters. The arrange ments by which American compames paid for their oil duties with some sterling went back

for many years.
The difficulty this week, the the assured the House that the Government would make certain that industries of strategic or economic importance did not fall under foreign control.

As an indication of the difficulty this week, the difficulty the

Retail price index goes up 1.8%

· Jay . cs Editor

ecent moderation of inas stopped, at least for ient. The general index prices ruse 1.8 per cent mber, after the sharp ent jump in October. re the first monthly in-of more than 11 per

k to 14! per cent in the oths to October and has sen again to just over 15

six-month change has y been affected by the standstill of prices in caused by the 2 per cent value-added tax and in Mr Healey's July

three-month change is such as the Chancellor t used to calculate his
us estimate of au \$! per
uffation rate before the l election, the annual rate ation is now 21.2 per cent,

lying trend. But there are no major abnormal influences to be discounted over the past three

accelerate "into the 20-25 per cent range," impelled mainly by a general disregard of the social contract. In addition some rise in import prices, as sterling falls, and the improvement in allowed price-cost margins would be pushing prices up.

monetarists, believe that there will be a cyclical fall in the in-flation rate in the first half of next year. They expect this to be caused by the impact of would have released another world and domestic recession two threshold payments worth and by the slower growth in the 40p a week each for eligible be caused by the impact of and by the slower growth in the

money supply.

Even so, the Chancellor's tar-

closely in line with the Conservative estimate in October which offended Mr Healey so much. Now, as then, too much should not be made of changes over the made of changes o three months, which can easily optimism. It may in fact turn exaggerate the significance of small deviations from the underper cent for some months, provided there are no new big dis-

discounted over the past three turbances to present conditions.

The next six months will feel the effects of the easing of prices in November six months in the over six months in the order of all items except ally sensitive food prices. Sed as an annual rate of e, this index of inflation is the field of the seasonally adverse period for the seasonal the seasonal that the seasonal the seasonal that the seasona turbances to present conditions.

this index of inflation and Social Research pot have affected the November 1 a peak of over 22 per recently forecast that inflation index, which measured prices the six months to June, over the next 12 months might on November 12. The increase in VAT on petrol and the easing of the price code will begin to be reflected in the index for prices in the present month, to be published in mid-January.

The scheme of threshold pay-ments under Phase Three of Mr Heath's counter-inflation pro-But other forecasters, not only gramme came officially to an neutrists, believe that there end with the publication of the index for October a month ago. Had the scheme still been in operation the November index workers.

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Mr Sithole doubtful on Rhodesia settlement

From Michael Knipe Salisbury, Dec 13

Rhodesia's two African leaders, Mr Jushua Nkomo and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, free after 10 years in detention, gave their first press interviews here today and displayed something of their differences in political temperament.

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Mr Nkomo, aged 57, the burly leader of the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu) jovially refused to answer political questions. Mr Sithole, aged 54, the youthful-looking head of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu), spelled out a few realistic home truths regarding hopes for the future.

Hs had "yery strong reservations" about the prospect of a constitutional settlement. Was not the fact that he had been freed a hopeful sign? "I was out of detention 10 years ago but the position didn't change". Mr Sithole said calmly. "We cannot reach an accommodation with the Rhodesian Control of the said calmide the said calmide."

Government because the Rho desian Government, is deter-mined on minority rule. Until it changes its position I cannot see how we can reach an accom-modation." modation.

His 10 years in detention were "hell itself", he said, but his conviction of the justices of his cause and his religious faith had kept him going.

Had the loss of his freedom for a decade been worth it? Yes, because if people were to demonstrate their belief in their own cause they had to suffer.
Asked if he felt bitterness, he said he was not by nature a bitter man. What had he missed

most? Free association with other human beings and listen-ing to the radio for the first time in 10 years today was "marvellous". Mr Sithole complained a little over the suddenness of his release and the speed with which he was rushed into the which he was rushed into the Lusaka discussions. "We didn't know what it was all about to start with. We were just approached at Que Que prison and told we were wanted by the Presidents meeting in Lusaka. So there it was. We had just to go there. And when we got there we found what it was all about. It was indeed incredible."

If some emissaries from

about. It was indeed incredible."

If some emissaries from Zambia had not been present when they were collected from prison, he said, he and his companions would have suspected they were being kidnapped. "Frankly, we did not like the speed with which it happened. We were quite unprepared for it."

After so many years in detention, he explained, he and his companions were still looking upon the issues in an abstract manner when they were suddenly hurtled into practical negotiations.

Mr Sithole said the effective ness of the ceasefire between the guerrillas and the Rhodes ian defence forces would depend on various conditions. He had no idea when the proposed constitutional conference would be held, and first he and the other African leaders had to the opinions of the assess

In the early years of their political struggle Mr Sithole and Mr Nkomo were allies. Mr Nkomo was the charismatic leader of the African nationa-lists and Mr Sithole his more Continued on page 4, col 5 in a murder trial (report, page 3).

Children Bill contains wide-ranging reforms on adoption, fostering and new rights

Social Services Correspondent Children will be able to have separate legal representation from their parents in care proceedings and have their own wishes taken into account in adoption cases under the Government's new Children adoption.

Bill, published yesterday. The Bill, which was introduced in the Lords last night, is expected to take effect in January, 1976.

It proposes wide-ranging for a child for one year.

It proposes wide-ranging reforms on the law relating to adoption and fostering and follows closely the private mem-her's measure introduced by Dr Owen, now Minister of State for Health, who will be responsible for the Bill in the Commons. Both measures would give effect to the recommendations of the Houghton report on the admiring of children. adoption of children.

The new Bill gives new rights to children, foster-parents, local authorities and adoptive authorities and adoptive parents and contains measures to diminish gradually the rights of natural parents. It has been inspired by public con-

the cases of dispute between foster and natural parents; the

caring for a child for one year. The provision will enable foster parents to take decisions about the child's future, for example, what kind of education he might have, without having to consult the natural parents. Relatives will be able to apply for custodianship after three

Natural parents will no longer be able to remove a child from foster-parents at will once the child has been in care for 12 months or more. After that time the natural parents must give 28 days' notice of their intent. After three years the local

the foster-parents will be able to apply for adoption without fear of the natural parents re-moving the child.

In care proceedings the Bill will give the courts discretion to order separate representation of children where there is a clear conflict of interests between the child and his or her parents. Separate representation will

he mandatory in unopposed applications to remove a care or supervision order involving a child who has been ill treated or neglected. In the Maria Col-well case the application by her mother to have a care order revoked was not opposed.

The courts will not be given

special guidance on when their discretion should be used, although the rules of court will be changed in the light of the Bill and the guiding principle for adoption cases will be taken into account. That principle states that full account of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child through-

out his childhood must be taken

The principle extends existing law by ensuring that the welfare of children is taken into account in the long term as well as in the immediate situation,

It also lays down that the courts and adoption agencies must, as far as practicable, ascertain the wishes and feelings of the child and give due confidence in sideration to them. Although in some custody cases that has been the practice for some time, it will be the first time the principle has been written into law.

The Bill will introduce a national adoption service, which will require local authorities to establish and maintain local services. But Dr Owen emphasized that the provisions would be implemented gradually.

The Bill is expected to raise public expenditure on adoption and allied child services from about \$2.5m to about \$4m a

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Stonehouse case link with 'concrete coffin' By Michael Horsnell The Foreign Office vesterday asked Miani police searching for Mr John Stonehouse, the un and the body it encased removed before police could murdered. Sir Peter Ramsbotham, British

Pierotti, Eritish consul in Miami, who is in daily contact with local police. Part of the concrete coffin

was left behind on the beach and the rest removed to a ware-house in the Lauderdale Lakes district of Fort Lauderdale, 20

Police, who had been tipped off about a suspicious odour coming from the warehouse, left after a man explained that it came from "human waste and garbage" which had been near the stab, and that he had bought

police arrived he, and another man, fled. Police emphasize there is still nn direct evidence to connect the crime with Mr Stonehouse's disappearance but the Poreign

expecting a report by Monday.

The theory that Mr Stonehouse, a former Minister of
Aviation and Postmaster
General, who developed considerable business interests in

Molloy, Labour MP for Ealing

confirm that they have been in touch with the Federal Bureau

of Investigation, but there is now known to have been regular

miles from where Mr Stone-house disappeared.

the past three years, was murdered by the Mafia was first put forward by Mr William

North and a former Parliamen-tary Private Secretary to Mr The Foreign Office will not

missing British MP and former Minister, for a special report of heir investigations into a Mariastyle "concrete overcoat" known to have contained a body. A slab of concrete was taken o a beach in Miami close to the point where Mr Stonehouse

The Foreign Office is remaining discreet about its activities concerning Mr Stonehouse but it is now known to be intensify-ing its interest in Miami as fears grow that he has been

Amhassador in Washington, is in close touch with Mr D. W. M.

the slab for concrete testing. But early next morning the man was seen breaking it up rith a pneumatic drill and when

Office, who want them to expedite their investigations, are

Insurance explained: Life insurance policies on Mr Stonehouse were arranged by Mrs Stonehouse after his car was wrecked by a bomb at London airport and another bomb was found at Naafi headquarters near the family home, she told

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tions that fire precautions used extinguishers which all The hostel owners said they had bought the building last of a west London hostel a fire in which seven in including a fireman, But the manager said he

singer hope on energy crisis

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e end of the Nato mini-l council meeting in als yesterday, Dr Henry foreign ministers the Secretary iger contended that the of State also was optimistic that aches of France and the progress on Cyprus was possible

w petrol price rise likely

rices could rise by 1p a to introduce a simplified pricing system from January 1. This increase is on top of rises in Jers of the Organization for leum Exporting Countries the Price Commission Page 17

78m for building societies

ling societies' net receipts also expected to prove a good ovember were £178m, only less than October, the best h this year. December is be the reason. Page 17

ospital workers urged to accept 19% n leaders of 220,000 hos lowest paid staff a minimum

offer. It would bring the

ancillary workers last wage of £30 a week, in line trecommended their memto accept a 19 per cent offer. The trace of the wage bill.

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land made a bad start on for 208 runs and dropped a

Overseas News 4, 5 first day of the second Test catch in the only over bowled against Australia. Page 15 Crossword



Furniture record: A Louis XVI ormolu-mounted chony bureau plat and cartonnier were sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £240,000, an auction record price for any furniture. They had originally belonged to the Duc de Choiseul, who had been Louis XV's Prime Minister.
They were sold with other
items from the collection of
the late Lady Baillie.

Sale room, page 14

Littlejohn remand: A Birmingbam magistrate yesterday remanded Mr Kenneth Littlejohn, the Dublin jail escaper, in custody for a week Money matters: Statements on

top salaries in the public service and on the uprating of MP's salaries will be made in the Commons next week Trek begins: The Scout Association has started its move from its long-established head-quarters at 25 Buckingham

Palace Road Washington: United States Senate vote to limit debate improves chances of trade reform Bill beating deadline to become

Athens setback: Greece's newfound unity strained by the dis-closure that Mr Karamanlis intends to make himself presi-

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Clive Barnes on American arts imperilled in an economic wasteland.
The travel column looks at a sumptuous escape to Jamaica and golf in the Iberian sun.

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Football: Norman Fox previews
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area trial prospects; Athletics:
Neil Allen compares existing:
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Sheridan Morley talks to radio producer John Tydeman: John Percival reviews three ballets by Frederick Ashton; Leonard Buckley on a new television situation comedy series.

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Business News, pages 17-21 Stock market: Both gilts and equities improved yesterday. FT index gained 2.2 to 152.2. Fipance Bill. Oliver Stanley discusses the cost of giving and John Drummond examines the detailed implications of the proposed new rules for life assurance policies. investor's Week: A detached look at discount stores; Francis Kinsman on a world without economists.

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Princess's visit

ruling council.—Reuter.

Mark Phillips will visit Australia next April, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday. They are going to Adelaide and will attend the International Equest rian Expo 1975.

Jewish complaint about 'Times' advertisement

Mr Justice Caulfield at a cottage at Scarcroft,

near Leeds, yesterday during a visit by the court

By a Staff Reporter The Board of Deputies of British Jews has referred an advertisement published in The Times on Wednesday to the Race Relations Board and the Attorney General. The board says the advertisement, attacking contributions to Israel by British Jews, was "scurrilous"

and an affront to the Jewish community. The full-page advertisement, placed by the "Committee for Justice in the Middle East", had been rejected by The Guardian, which said yesterday: "We felt was encouraging racial

hatred." It spoke of British Jews making untaxed charitable donations of millions of pounds to Israel, and said in part: "Isn't Britain more important? Shouldn't British money remain

Red Cross visit to Emperor Haile Selassie US ambassador '

Addis Ababa, Dec 13.-An International Red Cross delegation announced here today that it had visited former Emperor Haile Sclassic at the Grand Palace where he is

detained.

The statement gave no details of the health of the Emperor, who is 82. It said the four members were allowed to talk in private to any detainees they wished and had visited some 200 of them in addition to the Emperor. They had made recommendations to the

Princess Anne and Captain

Leading article, page 13 Mr Richardson ' to be next

ournalistic ethics."

social ills of Britain.

From Fred Emery Washington, Dec 13 Mr Elliot Richardson is to be the next United States Ambassador to Britain, according to

informed sources. The former Ottorney General who resigned rather than obey Mr Nixon's order to dismiss Professor Archibald Cox, the first Watergate special prosecutor, is said to have conveyed his acceptance of the post to

'The Times'

President Ford.

Because of industrial action by the National Graphical Associa-tion The Times, in common with other national newspapers, was able to publish only one edition yesterday. We apologize to readers for the lack of late news and for the duplication of some Arts reviews which appeared the previous day. London papers stopped, page

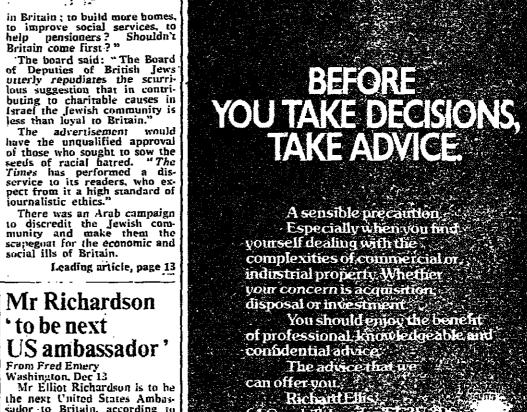
contact with the Miami police, giving substance to suspicions of growing diplomatic concern about Mr Stonehouse's fate. Mr Molloy said: The Foreign Office had given the impression of having treated the case in an insouciant manner, but I have been shown evidence of their quite remarkable activities since Mr Stonehouse disappeared. But now it will be prudent to go back to the Foreign Office and I want their views on the statements made by the Lauderdale police. I believe there is a prima facte case to make certain that the body in the concrete overcost was that of labs Stromberg.

John Stonehouse. "He made enemies and hence I believe that while it was, and still is, a hypothesis that the Mafia would want to get rid of him, there are some facts now which enhance the possibility."

Mrs Stonehouse has said threats have been made against her husband's life but deutes that there have been any recently. The most recent known threats were made in 1873 when Mr Stonehouse term. 1972 when Mr Stonehouse, temporarily relinquishing a promis-ing ministerial career for a business one, launched the British Bangladesh Trust, which was renamed in March the London Capital Group, and became a public company with a number of subsidiaries.

Press Association last

She declined to disclose the amount of the policies, although there have been reports that they totalled \$120,000.



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Littlejohn movements known to police, solicitor suggests

From Arthur Osman Birmingham

Eirmingham court yesterday.

Mr Littlejohn, aged 33, was arrested by West Midlands police in Birmingham on Wednesday, nine months after he magistrate pointed out escaped from Mountjoy prison, Dublin, where he was serving 20 years for his part in a £67,000 ben!: robbery. At yesterday's brief hearing, in which he said nothing, Mr John Millward, the stipendiary magistrate, re-manded him in custody until

No police evidence was called. It is expected that next week evidence will be heard about an application for his return to Ireland. He appeared on a charge under the Backing of Warrants (Republic Of Ireland) Act, 1965, under which people wanted in the republic can be charged in

a British court and sent back.
His solicitor, Mr Kenneth
Scroggs, of Totnes, Devon said
that Mr Littlejohn's arrest had
been in circumstances "bizarre in the extreme". He continued:
"Only last weekend, with the
knowledge of the police, according to my instructions, he went to Torquay, saw his wife and took Christmas presents for their children and then took them out for a day

After the hearing a senior police officer said: "I shall say nothing about what was said in court. It is a very delicate position as far as we are concerned, with the whole thing being subjudice." West Midlands police deny that Mr Littlejohn's arrest followed an initiative from Dublin and insist that it was the

the circumstances "must be the Police in Britain knew that Kenneth Littlejohn, the self-styled Eritish spy, had made a Littlejohn was not wanted in visit to his wife and children in this country for any offence. Devou, a solicitor said in a "There was no warrant against him for any offence whatsoever.

> that Mr Littlejohn was before the court under the 1965 Act and said the procedure was far from unknown. But it was unusual to have somebody who had been serving a sentence. "Most of those who are sent back are wanted for trial", he

Mr Scroggs continued: "So far as the application for bail is concerned, you have to be satisfied that if this man is allowed his liberty today he would return to this court when required to do so." Mr Littlejohn had never previously absconded and had a permanent address in Birmingham known to the police.

On the question of sureties, Mr Scroggs said that his client owned property in Torquay valued at £15,000. The magi-strate pointed out that he had just granted legal aid and said: "You now tell me he is worth £15,000." Mr Scroggs said that Mr Littlejohn's wife was living in the house. Outside the court. Mr Scroggs

said that Mr Littlejohn had been living and working in Birmingham since March After his escape, he had walked to Belfast, caught a ferry to Stranraer, then hiked to Birmingham. He also went to Glasgow and Amsterdam. Mr Littlejohn has maintained

in interviews in the past nine months that he and his brother, result of detective work over some months.

Yesterday's comments by Mr Scroggs clearly embarrassed the police, who appeared anxious that they should be answered at next week's hearing. The charge alleged that Mr Littlejohn escaped on March 11 last by cutting an iron bar in a window at Mountjoy prison.

In his application for bail, Mr months that he and his brother, Keith were spying on the IRA for the British secret service and that the bank robbery for which he was jailed was part of a plan to discredit the IRA. Last month Mrs Christine Littlejohn, aged 31, was granted a divorce at Torquay on the ground of unreasonable behaviour by her husband. She was granted custody of their three children.

Parcel-bomb | Son born in attacks on **Ulster** civil servants From Stewart Tendler

Security experts yesterday discussed the possibility that three parcel bomb attacks on the suburban homes of Northern Ireland civil servants may the hegipning of a new mark the beginning of a new campaign against government officials. The attacks were carried out on two homes in East Belfast and one in South Belfast yesterday mor people were slightly injured by the combs.

A 51b bomb was left outside he home of Mr F. Edgar, recruiting officer for the Northern Ireland Office, in Cyprus Gard-ens, East Belfast. Two elderly women were slightly injured. A similar bomb exploded ourside the home of Mr W. Mountioy, a senior official in the Board of Customs and Excise, in Maloneview Avenue, South Belfast, and a third, of between 5lb and 10lb, went off outside the home of Mr W. McKeghmie, who works in the Post Office and lives in King's Road, East Belfast.

A four-minute warning of he bomb in Maloneview Avenue was telephoned to a Belfast paper, but it exploded a minute later, badly damaging the house and slightly injuring

jail to Miss Bridget Dugdale From a Staff Reporter

Rose Dugdale has been secretly married for several years were made yesterday as she was recovering in Limerick prison

after giving birth to a son on Thursday night.

The child, which weighed 7lb 8ez, was born in a cell. Miss Dugdale is serving two concurrent nine year sentences, one for her part in connexion with the 58m art robbers as with the £8m art robbery at the home of Sir Alfred Beit, the other for the aerial bombing of a Strabane police

station The birth was announced by Mr Myles Shevlin, her solicitor. He said that Miss Dugdale "and her husband were pleased to announce the birth of a boy". He would not identify the

married in 1972 and her husband was in prison in Portlaoise. Dr E. I. Holloway, a Limerick gynaecologist, was called to the point it was thought Miss Dug-dale would have to be moved

There was no warning of the believed the reports of the birth other two bombs.

Belfast Claims that Miss Bridget

Miss Marion Maguire, of the Irish Political Hostages Cam-paign, said Miss Dugdale was prison on Thursday and at one to the town maternity hospital. However, she stayed in the

Action stops two London evening newspapers

Final editions of the two papers, said last night it was London evening newspapers not known whether the disrup-were affected yesterday by in-dustrial action by members of the National Graphical Associa-similar union action as that

Mr Charles Wintour, editor of the Evening Standard, said that after 1.50 pm "We were unable to change pages for the final editions"

final editions."
For the Evening News,
Mr John Winnington-Ingram,
managing director of Harmsworth Publishing, said: "We were unable to cary out the page changes for our final edition although we did produce our normal number of copies." Mr John Le Page, labour secretary for the Newspaper Publishers Association, the

which affected national morning newspapers in London and Man-

chester yesterday, when later editions had not been printed. There had been no fresh links between the association and the union to discuss the situation, he said. He called on the union to "intelligently reflect on the

dustrial action they have taken to date, the position could be serious indeed. The NPA will clearly have to determine what further steps it could take to ensure continued production of their newspapers. No one from the union was available for comment in Lon-

on St Patrick's Day last year

and in the early hours of July

31, 1974, when he was involved

in other explosions at Ruskin College, Oxford and at the former Irish Club in Oxford. He

said the St Patrick's Day incl-

On Thursday Mr Skelding and

Andrew Grainger changed their pleas and admitted causing criminal damage on July 31.

Roger Moore, a third defendant,

Man says Oxford blast was a prank

was injured.

criminal damage at the priory pleads not guilty to causing property.



dead in hostel fire

By Tim Jones
Seven people, including a fireman, died in a fire which swept through a west London hostel early yesterday. The owners, Grand Metropolitan Hotels, said they would hold an account inquiry. urgent inquiry.

Many were injured as they

tried to escape the flames, which destroyed the Worsley Hotel in Clifton Gardens, Maida Vale. One man jumped to safety from the roof of the four-storey building and landed in the branches of a tree.

Badky burnt hodies were still in the branches of a tree.

Badly burnt bodies were still being found in the debris 10 hours after the fire started in the 150 room-hotel, and the road was closed to traffic for fear that the charred frontage would college.

yesterday that fire precautions in the building had been in-adequate. They also alleged that many of the fire extinguishers had failed to operate.

The hotel was purchased by the group in March, 1973, and an application for a fire certian application for a fire certificate under the terms of the Fire Precautions Act, 1971, was made in July, 1973. The Greater London Council, which issues the certificates in the inner London area, did not send its recommendations for improvements until last June and had allowed the owners 15 months to complete the work. In the main the council's recommendations called for the installation of fire doors, alarms, smoke detectors and some structural alterations. A spokesman for the group said yesterday that the work had been started.

claim recommendation by the

out by the so-called moderates was obviously stage-managed because they had not got their

week now, backdated to Novem-

ber 1, consolidation of £4.40 a week threshold money already

being paid, and a further £12.50

Mr Owen Briscoe, secretary

of the 65,000-strong Yorkshire area of the NUM, insisted last night that the miners should

press for a figure to be put on the claim when the executive meet next Wednesday.

in three months' time.

Pit militants fight on for £30 a week increase

fire certificate. But because we to provide them with every protection we asked for the hostel to be treated as an hotel for the purposes of fire safety regulations. We are very sad that this tragedy occurred while the work was still in

progress."

The fireman who died, Mr Hamish Pettit, aged 26, married, of Rochester, Kent, was trapped by falling debris as he entered the building.

It took more than two hours to free three other officers trapped in the roof fall. One of the dead civilians was Mr Albert Simpson, aged 64, a resident, who worked at the Britannia Hotel.

Mr Thomas Dunne, the man-Mr Thomas Dunne, the man-

ager, said that in the section that caught fire there were about a hundred residents, all young and mostly foreign. He said emergency instructions were in each room in Spanish, fear that the charred frontage

"As this was used as a hostel used about four fire extwould collapse.

The hotel was used as a hostel used about four fire extweet was, in fact, no legal inguishers and they all worked obligation on us to apply for a properly", he said.

stantial'. Whenever a definite figure has been put forward in

committees are not bound by

subcommittee majority deci-

sions when voting later in the full executive. Mr Francis said yesterday that Mr McGahey had

acted correctly in ruling out the

votes of six moderates on Thurs-

day, as he was rigidly carrying out standing orders that had

been in operation since the NUM

was formed in 1944. They had been operated by Mr Gormley.

Mr Prior added: "They are

talking about fighting inflation but it is getting worse. They are

talking about protecting jobs, but the danger signals for

really high unemployment be come more insistent. More and more people believe urgent

government action is needed."

Lord Shawcross, Chancellor

complete economic collapse was "very near". He was speaking at a meeting of the university

Although Britain faced un-paralleled danger, for most people, "inflation is a myth",

to dispel that ignorance. The

measures against inflation fell far short of what was required. "The social contract, even if

it were loyally observed, con-tains an inbuilt and certain

prescription for further infla-

Sir Keith Joseph, shadow Home Secretary, said in Brad-ford last night that shorter but

bleaker prison sentences could

be introduced to combat the

soaring crime rate. When appropriate, life imprisonment

should mean exactly that, but

for those who had not shown

It was difficult to know how

Sussex University and a former Labour minister, said yesterday that the danger of

miners have

the past the

emerged successful."

Extravagant councils 'compete for staff'

Extravagance by local autho-tities, especially abour staffing, was criticized by the National Chamber of Trade yesterday in evidence to the Layfield com-mittee of inquiry into local government spending.

press comments, of "a great many" of the 800 local chambers of trade and com-merce had shown that "extravagance has been the keynote in local authority spending before and since reorganization", the chamber reported.

An aspect that had attracted almost universal criticism was

the way local authorities seemed to be competing for staff, paying higher-than-ever salaries and expanding depart-ments", although it had been The ch claimed that reorganization poll tax.

areas.

There seemed to be an overlap of responsibilities and functions, with two or more people doing jobs previously done by one. Seldom had there been as

The response, supported by much criticism of the rating burden carried by commercial undertakings as in the past two or three years. Rate increases of up to 600 per cent had been recorded. Many small businesses feared that they would be forced The chamber called on central

Government to take over the cost of education, police and other services from local authorities. It rejected the idea of a sales

The chamber also opposed a

Users to joi Post Office **Saturday**

mail talks By Our Business News Stat The Post Office has rev its decision to debar the Office Users' National Co from discussions with the u on the abolition of Sati deliveries. Lord Peddie, man of the council, commo

thought tripartite discumay start within a fortnigh Last month it was disc that the Post Office had re to allow the users' count take part, as it considered discussions to be on indu relations, where or interests should have no vi

the decision vesterday.

The council's annual rep published by the Static Office at 39p.

Working party will watch over HS 146

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

A working party of repre-sentatives of the Government, management and workers was set up yesterday to study the future of the Hawker Siddeley HS 146 airliner project. It followed a meeting in London between Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, Sir Arnold Hall, chairman of Heawher Siddeley, and leaders of Hawker Siddeley, and leaders of the aircraft industry unions.

It will keep the market for the HS 145 under constant review and could recommend to the Government when it con-siders the time appropriate for the project to be revived.

Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will see representa-tives of the aviation unions on Tuesday, when they will press him to authorize funds to keep

higher level than is envisaged by the Government. Mr Benn told the Commons on Monday that all he is pre-

pared for at present is to make

a modest contribution towards the keeping of the jigs, tools and the keeping of the jigs, tools and designs in being, work that would normally be carried out as routine in the Hawker Siddeley project office.

He made it clear there is no question of the Government taking over the entire bill of up to £150m for funding research and development of the HS 146, which is a 70 to 100 seat airliner powered by four American jet engines.

can jet engines.
The HS 146 is being kept " on ice" against the setting up of the national aerospace corporation, which will run the nationalized industry planned by the Government. But the work-

ing party established yests will report back well befor corporation comes into bei The feeling in the air

industry is that the chance the project being revived extremely small while the try's finances continue to severe strain. There is no enthusiast

Hawker Siddeley for reestal ing the project. The comindicated to the Governme July that they wished to draw on the grounds that i tion was sending costs of control, while airlines had their inclination to buy aircraft as they grappled fuel costs. A statement after yestere

meeting at the Departmen Industry said: "The meet agreed that studies would

In pressing for those extra

provements, union negotia were influenced by the 1.8

cent rise in the cost of livindex announced yesterday

the fact that hospital port

kitchen staff and other mar employees work along nurses, who have received r

of more than 30 per cent

Girl's body found in boat wreck

A girl's body was washed up on the Norfolk coast yesterday in the wreckage of a 50-ton fish-ing boat, the Nikki, which had sent out a distress call several hours earlier. It was driven ashore in a gale. Rescuers called off the search for a

The girl was named as Miss Gloria Kerr, of Dunnottar Street, Ruchazie, Glasgow, Her companion, who is feared drowned, was Mr John Spurling, of Briggs Square, Freeman Street, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk.
It was not clear last night

a third man was on

Hospital workers urged to accept 19% pay rise and the promise that furthe By Our Labour Staff creases to keep up with the of living will be conside

Union leaders of 220,000 hospital ancillary workers last night recommended their members to accept a 19 per cent pay offer, which is within the social con-

A significant feature of the draft settlement, which is expected to be approved by the four unions involved, is that it brings the lowest paid staff a new minimum basic wage of £30 a week, the target figure set by the TUC for the low paid. The Department of Health and Social

Security said that it would add f60m a year to the wage bill.

Mr Albert Spanswick, general secretary of the Confederation of Health Service Employees (Cohse), said: "This is an enormous boost for the social contract. It is first time National Health Service ancillary workers have reached a TUC minimum wage. We would have liked an increase in holidays and a de-crease in hours, but we can come back for them another cay." Surprisingly, the offer made

by the department yesterday is better than the settlement accepted three weeks ago by a million local council workers. from today (our Medical Rep Traditionally the pay of the two groups runs together. The hospital workers have achieved full consolidation of their £4.40 a week threshold payments into basic rates immediately, earning overtime and bonus payments,

Pay packet dispute: A refby a clerk to hand over a m wages to a colleague because arrived a few minutes late at pay office caused 200 ancil workers at the Christie Hospi Manchester, to stop work yes day (the Press Associar reports). The ancillary work said they would not provide f for clerical workers at the pital until the man receives

every six weeks.

money. Broadmoor visits: Action prison officers protest league for assault on a pati is to be relaxed, allowing st visits to Broadmoor patie The Prison Officers' Asso-

tion agreed to allow two visit to a patient after talks w Officers at Rampton hospi-Nothinghamshirt, are still p venting visits.

Seasonal gesture The local authority at Bury,

Lancashire, which rehoused a family at Radcliffe after fire destroyed their home, is to replace toys lost in the fire, intended for the parents' daugh-

Taverne man loses A candidate of Mr D

Taverne's Democratic Labt Association at Lincoln has I a city council by-election Labour, two months after Taverne's own defeat in

tion. But earlier editions of the papers, the Evening News and Evening Standard, were not affected.

management organization for availational and London evening don.

From Our Correspondent

One of five men on trial at Oxford Crown Court said yester-

day that one reason he planted

two explosive devices outside a Roman Catholic priory was be-

cause he understood a collection

for the official IRA was made

Michael Peter Skelding, a practising Roman Catholic, said he felt "mild indignation"; he

deplored IRA activities and did

not hold any strong political

views.
Mr Skelding, of Tamworth
Road, Appleby Magna, Burton
on Trent, has admitted causing

Mr Le Page said: "If the NGA intends to escalate the in-

Judge criticizes case by Inland Revenue

verberate yesterday.

Mr Dai Francis, communist secretary of the South Wales

miners, accused Mr Joseph Gormley, the NUM president, of

Gormley, the NUM president, or flouting the union's traditions by overruling a subcommittee recommendation for a militant pay claim. Other left-wing coalfield leaders made plain that the militants do not yet regard the battle for a £30 a week pay

On Thursday Mr Francis un-

successfully challenged Mr Gormley's ruling which nullified the refusal of Mr Michael McGahey, the communist vice-president, to allow the moder-

ate majority to halt the wage

A judge said in Welshoool

Crown Court yesterday that he was disturbed by the way Inland Revenue officials had investigated a case of alleged fraud, and unhappy about the way the case had been prepared.
Before the court was Kenneth Pryce Lewis, an insurance company agent, of Broadeaves, Kerry, near Newtown. He pleaded not guilty to eight charges of making false state-ments on income tax return

The jury found him not guilty on two charges and on the direction of Judge David found him not guilty on the other six. Mr Martin Thomas, for Mr Lewis, applied for costs against the

prosecution.

Mr Kenneth Thomas, for the Inland Revenue, said the revenue had not acted unreasonably. Officials had followed a practice used for some time. Judge David said: "This is not a case where the defendant must be left to pay his own costs. The court is disturbed about the investigation that took place."

criminal damage on that date.

All three deny recklessly en-

Dermot Dobson and David Langford also changed their

pleas on Thursday and admirted causing criminal damage to

Mr Dobson still faces a charge

of possessing or controlling be-

tween January 1 and August 1.

1974, an electrical timing device, intending to use it or to allow other people to use it to damage

dangering lives.

dent was a "more than averagely stupid end-of-term prank", and the July explosions were to celebrate the end of his biochemistry course. Care was taken to ensure that no one

Attack on 'quasi-religious cult' of EEC membership

The South Wales miners are certain to support the Scottish proposals that "substantial" after Mr Gormley's ruling that increases should mean £12.50 a

By Our Political Staff
Mr Shore, Secretary of State
for Trade, last night attacked those, including the editor of The Times, for whom he said "membership of the EEC has long been a quasi-religious

He told the Coventry Fabian Society that "though few in number the unconditional marketeers have a formidable power in the press and other media."

He had in mind, among others, "the editor and chief contributor of The Times and the great majority of those who control and who have controlled the current affairs programmes of the BBC for the past decade".

Their approach to the issue was to ignore it altogether, or to denigrate Parliament and the democratic process, or to pro-claim that Britain was so re-duced "that we can have no worthwhile control over the forces that affect our lives ". Mr James Prior, Opposition

employment spokesman, yester-day urged the Government to call an immediate meeting with the TUC and CBI to agree on measures to deal with "the measures to deal with "the deepening economic crisis". He said the Chancellor of the Exchequer's election claim that

inflation was running at 8.4 per

cent was a "sick joke".

After a terrible week, including the worst trade deficit ever, and the pound at its lowest level. Friday the thirteeneth had capped it all with the worst annual figure ever for price rises, nearly a fifth on a 12month basis and even worse in recent months.

Warwickshire health officials

yesterday were testing food supplied to schools and old

people's homes after a report that large quantities of bacon, chicken and fish supplied to

Check for food

some were unfit.

themselves to be inveterate menaces, there was a case for relatively short sentences. Prison would be dreaded if sentences were bleak and clinical. There was an argument for sentencing a man to weekimprisonment very, very bleak indeed, but without any

Food gifts

Bags of sugar, tea, coffee, biscuits and other groceries given by big chain stores were Derby yesterday by women of the National Housewives Association.

loss of job or damage to family life Sir Keith said.

Labour Editor

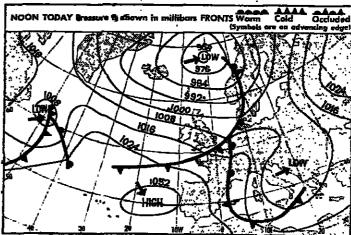
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The political clash that threatens to rend the National Union of Mineworkers over the social contract continued to reverything he has stood for since are not able to support vague the became president. The walk-contract claims that are labelled 'sub-contract with the Government, it vitiates the fraditional where the president is a sub-contract with the Government, it vitiates the fraditional where the president is a sub-contract with the Government, it vitiates the fraditional where the president is a sub-contract with the Government, it vitiates the fraditional where the president is a sub-contract with the Government, it vitiates the fraditional where the problem of the problem ment, it vitiates the traditional running of the union. Mr Francis indicated that the left would challenge Mr Gormley's ruling at the next annual conference, to be held in Scar-borough next July. In the aftermath of the euphoria over the militants'

Gornaley's

defeat, the implications of the moderates' reversal of past practice were beginning to sink home. Freed of their responsibility to support majority decisions at sub-committee level, left wingers will be able to back militant policies on the executive, and as the moderate power base shrinks, their chance of gaining a majority grows.

ter, aged five. Weather forecast and recordings



Tomorrow

iun rises :

Moon rises: Moon sets:

8.0 am

9.9 am

First Quarter : December 21.

Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.30 am.

High water: London Bridge, 2.33

am, 6.9m (22.8ft); 2.55 pm, 7.1m

(23.2ft). Avonmouth, 8.5 am, 12.9m

(42.2ft); 8.22 pm, 12.6m (41.2ft).

Dover, 11.52 am, 6.4m (21,1ft).

Hull, 7.2 am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 7.6 pm, 7.1m (23.2ft). Liverpool, 12.4 pm, 8.6m (28.3ft).

W Midlands, Wales, NW, E, NE,

central N England, Borders: Sunny

Sun sets:

5.51 pm

3.52 pm

Today

Sun rises : Sun sets : 7.59 am 3.52 cm Moon rises : Moon sets : 8.30 am 4.48 pm

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pm, 7.1m (23.3ft). Liverpool, 11.25
am, 8.6m (28.3ft); 11.48 pm, 8.3m
(27.1ft).

A trough of low pressure will move S over S Britain during the morning. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, SW, central S England, East Anglia, E Midlands,

Channel Islands: Cloudy with slight rain in places at first, becoming mainly dry with sunny spells; wind W₁ moderate; max temp &cC

Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Sunny intervals and occasional showers; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 7° or 8°C (45° to 46°F). WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;

Edinburgh, E Scotland, Abo icen, Moray Firth: Sunny interva and scattered showers; wind fresh or strong; max temp 6° (7°C (43° to 45°F).

Central Highlands, Caithness Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney Shetland: Occasional showers heavy at times, snow on hills later sunny intervals; wind W. fresh o strong, locally gale; max temp 6 or 7°C (43° to 45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow am Monday: Sunny intervals am showers, more general rain later mainly in N and W; temp near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strai of Dover, English Channel (E) Wind W, fresh or strong; 30 intervals and scattered showers; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 7° or 8°C (45° to 48° F).

Wind W, moderate or rough.

St George's Channel, Irish Sed: Wind W, strong to gale; sea rough or very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 6 am to 5 pm. 7°C (45°F); min. 6 pm to 6 am 2°C (36°F). Humidity, 6 pm. 63 per cent. Rain. 24 hrs to 6 pm. none. Sun. 24 hr to 6 pm. 5.1 lours. Bur mean sea level, 6 co

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inbarrassing timing r debate on ising MPs' salaries

d Editor Government's business ers find themselves in the ussing position that next tey will be faced with the reading of the Finance Tuesday and an eco-debate on Wednesday parallel with a state-the Prime Minister on

ries in the public service other statement from Mr Lord President of the Lasking the Boyle com-te report on the uprating salaries.

Chancellor of the Ex
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economic debate in which the Chancellor, with Mr Foot in support, are expected to remind the trade unions of the cardinal im-portance of observing the terms

of the social contract.

Because the Opposition wanted a debate on the economy before the Christmas recess, with a motion on which the House will divide, the promised two-day debate on defence has now been cut to one day, on Monday.

The unexpired portion of the debate will now come in January, when Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, has completed his discussions in Nato about the proposed defence

A further embarrassment is in store for the Government in a day when Mrs on both sides are sombrely conscious of a recession in 1975. The Cabinet has to reach a decision on whether to go ahead with the new parliamentary building scheme, opposite Big Ben

The latest estimate is that the scheme would cost about £30m, and it is scarcely conceivable that there would be much public support for it at a time when belts are being tightened.

Meanwhile, the customary December White Paper on while expanditure which will public expenditure, which will show the cuts in government spending, has been postponed until the new year.

No time is ever felicitous for y event, the two state-ministers and politicians to look text week will be incon-after their own pay.

Law chief rejects bill of rights proposal

By Our Legal Correspondent Mr Archer, Solicitor General, has disagreed with the proposal of Lord Justice Scorman earlier this week that Britzin should have a Bill of Rights, limiting the sovereignty of

A Bill of Rights might have saved the country from having the Industrial Relations Act in 1971, Mr Archer said at a Fabian Society meeting in Oldham, Lancashire, last night.

"Bur Parliamentary debate is more responsive to changing needs and expectations than any provides that have been alless to the said of th written text. To enshrine for all future generations our own cherished ideas is to deny our children the right to disagree with us."

The issue was whether in the last resort the British preferred to commit their liberty to judges or politicians. Although it remained important to pro-tect individual liberty, the law today also had the more positive function of intervening in daily life as the champion of those who lacked economic power.

"Most of them have no greater confidence in judges than in politicians", he said. "Law is not merely a brake on governments. It is an active process. We must beware of persuading ourselves that free-dom can be embalmed. It cannot be preserved by any insti-tution unless that institution has muscle power deriving from human vigilance and concern."



The Duchess of Kent inspecting Catering Corps staff at Aldershot

Jury visit death scene cottage

Teak woodgrain finish

cabinet with contrasting

removable transparent lid.

The speakers, too, have a

black and silver colour

control panels and

rich leak veneer.

From Our Correspondent

A jury of nine men and two women yesterday travelled six miles to a ramshackle cottage where a woman is alleged to have been strangled.

The jury, from Leeds Crown Court, filed into the tiny Veleta Cottage, on the main Leeds to

Wetherby road at Scarcroft. where Miss Daisy Morris, aged 80, was found dead last Easter Mr Justice Caulfield and court officials waited outside. A typist from the prosecution solicitor's office lay down in a corner in the position in which the body is said to have been

Tom Anderson, aged 70, a rat catcher, of Harebill Lane. Leeds, has pleaded not guilty to murder. It is alleged that he strangled Miss Morris because she refused to move from the cottage and sell him the land. The trial continues on Moufrom No 25 would have pleased BP By Philip Howard

Scouts' trek

The Scout Association is moving this weekend from the house beside Buckingham Palace that has been its national headquarters pretty well since Baden-Powell bared his knees and expend house scouting and started boys scouting

The rest of the lease on 25
Buckingham Palace Road,
known to Scouts at the round
earth's imagined corners as "25
BP Road", so neatly combining
the initials of the founding
father of the mysoment with the father of the movement with the address, has been sold to the Grosvenor Estates. Yesterday the Scouts were moving out in a combination of trek and jamboree that would have gratified their patriarch.

The main administrative departments are moving into tem-porary accommodation at the Baden-Powell international hostel in South Kensington. where a permanent extension for them will be ready in about 18 months.

Headquarters departments dealing with Cub Scout, Scout and Venture Scout training are moving to Chingford, on the edge of Epping Forest. Records of leader appointments and Scout group registrations are moving into new offices at Lancing, Sussex. And the management of the 10 national Scout camp sites will be run from a small department temporarily situated near Addington,

Surrey.
The upheaval is part of the movement's policy of being pre-pared to make the most rational

In brief

Cattle protest cost £150,000

Demonstrations by farmers at Holyhead protesting against Irish cattle imports cost North Wales police authority £150,000 it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Philip Myers, chief constable, told the authority at Colwyn Bay that the sum involved the cost of food, travelling and overtime.

ling and overtime. Nationalist link

MPs of the Scottish National and Plaid Cymru parties, who together outnumber the Liberals by one in the Commons, are to consider an alliance to establish themselves as the third political force. Mr Donald Stewart, Scottish National MP for the Western Isles, said in Cardiff yesterday.

Damages for scars

Damages for scars

Damages of £1,800 against the
Inner London Education Authority were awarded in the Eigh
Court yesterday to Patrick
Noonan, aged 18, of Northfields.
Ealing, whose face was scarred
by suiphuric acid in an unlabelled beaker, squirted by
another boy at a school in North
Kensington.

Casino man remanded Mr John Tsigarides, owner of the Carlton Casino at Torquay, was remanded in custody for a week by Torbay magistrates yesterday, accused of conspiracy to defeat the course of justice.

Dearer sugarbeet plea A price rise of a third on sugarbeet crops is to be sought next year, the National Farmers'

Union said vesterday.

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Staff es jus es just published show ployers and trade unions reasingly turning to the set up independent tion and Arbitration for help in settling

al disputes. service has completed nonths' work and has ith more than 400 cases iliation and more than cases of individuals ig against dismissal, two-of which were resolved which were resolved recourse to an indus-ribunal. The service d arbitrators in more instances.

ptember the service con-in 101 disputes, in the figure rose to 155 t month it was 184. It is ant that so far unions ore willing to approach vice than employers. Mr Mortimer, its chairman, tes its popularity to an sess of the independence service from government om an incomes policy. ere is a long tradition of

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Tory plan to emphasize lorry drivers' dispute, the action involving Independent Television News journalists, the print workers' dispute at the Statio-nery Office, strikes at Hoover in Scotland and Vickers in Barrow,

triumph, getting work started ar the Seaforth grain terminal, Liverpool, after two years of inter-union bickering. The debit side includes the National Graphical Association's dispute with Fleet Street newspaper proprietors and that between the National Union of Journalists and provincial news-papers. In both cases the parties went to the service but returned without a settlement. "We have

no magic formula", Mr Mortimer commented. He is aware that to some observers some of the successes will look in economic terms like failure. The Scottish road haulage strike, for example, was resolved when the men received their full claim, £40 for 40 hours, a settlement that employers claim will greatly add to prices.

" You must not think that the of settlements; we do not mind if it is £30 or £40 or anything else. Our first responsibility is to try to secure a settlement", Mr Mortimer said. "We take account of and pay regard to the contents of the social contract, but we are not the interpreters of the social contract."
Although he will admit to "a
"little nudging" by the CAS to
achieve a settlement, Mr Mortimer is adamant that the service does not apply pressure on parties to a dispute to settle on particular terms. The excep-tion is in cases of arbitration where the arbitrator is not a member of the service.

Tears stopped father's plan

A husband broke into his wife's flat in Cowes, Isle of Wight, at 3 am, pointed a loaded gun at her and her mother and snatched his son, aged 17 months, from his cot, magistrates at Newport were told trates at Newport were told yesterday. He set off in a taxi to a local airfield where, for £500, he had arranged for a private aircraft to fly to Germany.

But the baby constantly called for his mother, and the father realized he could not follow his plan. Yesterday Herbert Heib, aged 37, a German welder, wept as Miss Marjorie White, for the defence, related how husband and wife separated last September and the wife went to live many. ber and the wife went to live with her mother in Queen's Road. Cowes.

a certificate and was fined £100 for carrying a gun when he entered a flat as a trespasser.

His taxi driver, Derek Charles, of Albert Street, Cowes, was fined £20 for wilfully obstructing the police by saying he had put father and baby on

to snatch baby

Road. Cowes.

Miss White said that when Herr Heib changed his mind he went to a house in Ryde, where the police found him and the baby. Herr Heib was alleged to have told the police: "I only took the gun to frighten them.

Herr Heib was given a two years' conditional discharge for possessing a firearm and 174 rounds of ammunition without

EEC benefits By Our Political Staff The Conservatives are strive to persuade Britain to stay in the EEC. Mr Heath, the ending of the recent bakers' strike and, perhaps the greatest

Leader of the Opposition, promised that in a speech yesterday to Bexley Borough Luncheon Club. "We shall launch a campaign to remind the British public of the advantages of Community membership and the very real

series of conferences in our big cities".

The first will be held in York-shire at the end of January. "Through the auspices of the Conservative Group for Europe we shall launch an extensive information-gathering exercise in order to collect further evid-ence about the real effects and consequences of staying in or leaving the Community", Mr

"The real argument today for continued British membership is that we in Britain need all the international help and sup-

Couple for trial on baby charge

A couple accused over the taking of Stephen Robinson, aged seven weeks, from a mother and baby home at Borrowash, near Derby, were yesterday committed on bail by Derby magistrates for trial at

Alan Whitfield, aged 25, of Tamworth Road, Long Earon, is charged with detaining the baby by fraud with intent to deprive his mother of his possession. His wife, Paulette, aged 24 is charged with taking the baby away by force with intent to deprive his mother of

to stay

The 40 Cypriot refugee families who, Haringey Council in north London said, faced eviction yesterday because of unpaid hotel bills, have been allowed to stay in the hotels.

The council has protested to the Prime Minister about Whitehall delays over their claim for special cash help.

stay largely unchanged.

Latest estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates): payable on some estates).

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of Sandwich, sculptor and former
stockbroker (duty paid, £36,569)
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dangers if Britain were to with-draw", he said. "As part of this campaign we shall organize the njost pleasing reproduction

Cypriots allowed

Ferry charges up

High season cross-channel fares on British Rail Sealink ferry services are to go up next year, but car rates on all routes from Dover, Folkestone and Harwich in the low season, from January to May 23 and September onwards, will

Latest wills

husband's instigation and the child by force. a ferry boat for Portsmouth. Appalling pressures' on mother of eight

e, the magistrate, referred appalling pressures on

rs Lynch, and a daughter Health 1 16, were accused of steal-clothes valued at £35 from ore where the girl worked. ir Goldstone read probation rts and said: "This is ter-

rs Doreen Lynch, a widow, is 38, with eight children, child is working, the mother of £18.50 a week, Maryles magistrates' court was yesterday. Mr Peter Golde, the magistrate, referred

human being He ordered that the reports be sent to the Department of Health and Social Security, and added: "I want an inquiry made as quickly as possible so that this woman can be given sufficient money

both of Queensborough Terrace, Paddington, pleaded guilty. They were given a conditional discharge for six months.

Mr Goldstone told Mrs Lynch: "The pressures placed on you must have been appali-The Department of Health and Social Security said later no agree : 1 wall an and Social Security said later nquiry made as quickly as that the average minimum payossible so that this woman can ment for a family like Mrs c given sufficient money c given sufficient money and bousing costs.

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US Economics Correspondent

lation to come before Congress

The Bill could improve signi-

Today's vote was on a so-

called closure motion to restrict

debate to a maximum of one

The result does not reflect

the degree of support for the Bill itself. Many senators, who oppose the Bill, voted in favour of closure to avoid bringing the Senate into disrepute for failing to act efficiently. Some of these who wasted are at the control of the senate in the senate of the senate who wasted are the senate of the senate who wasted are the senate of the senate who wasted are the senate who wasted who w

hour for each senator.

Washington, Dec 13

of trade reform Bill



Iranian students, wearing masks to avoid identification, give the clenched fist salute during an anti-Government demonstration at the Iranian Embassy in Rome yesterday. Four students were taken to a police station for identity checks.

Dr Kissinger hopeful after Nato talks on oil prices and Cyprus

Brussels, Dec 13

The approaches of France and the United States to the energy crisis were not contra-dictory and could be recon-ciled, Dr Henry Kissinger said at the end of the Nato Minis-terial Council in Brussels today and on the eve of the meeting between President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaing in

The American Secretary of State said he was "not pessimistic—quite the contrary" about a solution of the Middle East conflict.

After several meetings with the Greek and Turkish foreign and a consumer-producer diaministers, he was also more logue. The first was indeed a hopeful than before that progress on Cyprus was posthought there was agreement progress on Cyprus was possible, and could become vissible, and could become vis-ible; but he feared that if Congress continued its cut-off of military aid to Turkey, progress would be unlikely. The aid was not given as a favour to Turkey but for the common defence of the West.

The six-monthly meeting of the 15 foreign ministers of the alliance was unusual for being devoted almost entirely to a "restricted" discussion on the going up further. economic situation and its In the economic debate, Mr dangers for the alliance. The ministers generally seem to have told Dr Kissinger that the

Soviet backing

fisheries policy

From Our Correspondent

The Soviet Union supports

Norway's policy of declaring non-trawling zones off the coast

of northern Norway. Mr Alexander Isjkov, the Soviet Minister of Fisheries, said

Meanwhile, the threat of a Government crisis was removed today by a change of policy by the Agrarian Party, which is the

centre party. The issue was the

Government's proposal to buy back half the 50 per cent share

which Alcan, the Canadian aluminium company, has in the

Norwegian aluminium firm Ordal og Sunndal Verk.

Until this afternoon the left-wing socialist group and the

non-socialist parties were united

in opposing the proposal. Then

the Agarians decided to allow a free vote for their members which will give the Government

for Oslo's

Oslo, Dec 13

have been deeply impressed by their unwonted foray into economic waters.

Western world needed a substantial degree of American reflation. Closer economic coo-At his press conference, Dr peration was needed,

pared to discuss its long-term intentions in the economic field with its partners before

tween energy consumers and producers, Dr Kissinger said saw no contradiction tween consumer cooperation on the desirable sequence of but was not sure moves, but was not sure whether there was agreement on what constituted consumer cooperation.

Whereas

The Foreign Secretary also was hopeful on Cyprus, after seeing Mr Esenbel, the Turkish minister, and Mr Bitsios, his Greek colleague, who spoke to each other remarkably cordially in the council. Mr Callebra thought the intercons laghan thought the inter-com-munal talks could be resumed fairly quickly

This morning Mr Callaghan discussed the Middle East, energy and Cyprus over breakfast with Dr Kissinger. On the way to Nato headquarters, his official Rolls-Royce was involved in a minor accident with a private car driven by a woman. He was not injured but the woman was briefly detained in hospital, where she received some flowers from Mr

In a more than usually unre-vealing communique the vealing communiqué, the ministers noted the uneven progress towards déteute in the various sets of East-West talks; reiterated the impor-tance to the security and viability of West Berlin of the four power agreement; and under-lined the potentially dangerous consequences for the security of alliance members of the Middle East situation.

had been done before the en-

largement of the Community, and new factors needed to be

Herr Fellermaier, who was sitting next to Herr Seefeld, protested at repeated Conservative attempts to delay the adoption

Mr Kirk, intervening, said the

report should be referred back because there were proposals in it which should be considered by

the economic committee. He said: "If Herr Felleraier can distract his mind from the hate

campaign which he is pursuing

against my group and concen-

trate on the proper proceedings

then I think we might be able to get a reasonable solution." The motion for a reference back resulted in a tie, 16 votes

to 16, so the debate continued,

the European Parliament,

considered.

of the report.

gress of the Potruguese Socialist Party opened in Lisbon today. It had been a clandestine organization until the revolution of

April 25 gave it legality. Dr Mario Soares, the Foreign Minister and general secretary of the party, said in a speech that from the congress would emerge "the definition of a coherent political line, approval of our programme, and a decla-

Kissinger said that decisive action was now needed to maintain economic and political stability. The United States Administration was pre-

making any irrevocable deci-Alluding to President Gis-card's call for a conference be-

repeated his view that the present price of oil was too high and should be reduced, Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, thought the problem was more to prevent prices

From George Clark Political Correspondent

Luxembourg, Dec 13

After a stormy incident early

today during a protracted sitting

of the European Parliament, Mr

Peter Kirk, leader of the Con-servative group, apologized to Herr Ludwig Fellermaier, vice-chairman of the socialist group,

for accusing him of conducting a "hate campaign" against the

Tempers flared when Herr

Horst Seefeld, German socialist on the Regional Policy and

Transport Committee, moved the adoption of a report urging the EEC Commission to draw up a

common policy on sea transport

covering shipping clauses in trade agreements, conditions

and pay of seafarers, sabotage, competition and flags of conven-

Mr Kirk apologizes to

German for 'hate' gibe

Lisbon businessmen accused

The Portuguese Government has arrested four directors of the country's biggest tourism enterprise, Torralta, and two directors of the Banco Intercontinental Portuguès. Other directors of these organizations and of the Credito Predial and Sociedad Financeira are on the wanted list. The public have been asked to help in their capture.

capture.
They are accused, among other things, of large-scale

the Torralta chairman. He is a former Minister of Colonies and

Governor of Mozambique.
Torralta's activities include running tourist hotels, golf courses, holiday villages complete with sports centres and exporting nearly

The first legal national con-

Dr Soares added that the

of 'sabotage'

Lisbon, Dec 13

illegal monetary transactions, which are officially described as "serious acts of economic sabotage harmful to the Portu-

guese people".

Among those arrested is

Admiral Sarmento Rodrigues,

entertainments such as casinos.
An official statement said that its management was to blame for failure to pay its workers, suppliers or firms employed on contract. Torralta, it added, was behindhand in paying some £2m worth of holiday vouchers and £1.5m worth of holiday vouchers and £1.5m worth of holiday flat rentals.

The bank is charged with illegally expecting pages 1.

ration of principles and statutes".

party's political charter showed "absolute fidelity" to the pro-gramme of the Armed Forces Movement, until the elections next March. It stood for close alliance with the Armed Forces Movement, which was the chief guarantor of democracy in Portugal, solidarity with the coali-tion parties of the provisional Government, and freedom to criticize government policy when necessary.

American aid, page 5

Mr Tom Normanton, MP for Cheadle, moving the reference back of the report, said much of the work on which it was based defeated it by 22 votes to 17. Italian soldiers meet openly | Maltese parliament votes

ience.

various ranks gathered in a Rome cinema this week to hear speakers demand the right to associate democratically and put an end to the "absolute

power of the military hier-archies", it was reported today. They called for the abolition of the Fascist-inspired military regulations and military tribunals, and the right to guard week.

Côte d'Azur

energy crisis

From Our Own Correspondent

There is no sign of the energy

crisis this Christmas on the Côte

d'Azur. The principal shop-

keepers in Nice and Cannes

have decided to have all the public illuminations for Christ-

mas and new year switched on exactly as in the past.

But in Paris, under the eye

of the French Government, not even the Champs Elysées will be illuminated.

Some towns, like Toulouse,

have decided to restrict the

period seasonal lighting is to be allowed. In Bordeaux there will

be no illuminations. In Brest

the wattage of the electric bulbs used for the illuminations has been reduced by half.

ignores

Paris, Dec 13

Following the example of discontented policemen, Italian soldiers have risked punishment to meet openly for the first time and demand better treatment.

Some 200 uniformed various rank pondent against fascist tendencies in the Army.

Unlike the police, whose growing demands for demilitarization and their own trade union are mainly apoliries soldiers, who seek the police in the Army. union are mainly apolitical, the soldiers, who describe themselves as "proletarians in uniform" appear closely linked to extreme left-wing groups.

Meanwhile, Italian journalists went on a 48-hour strike today after newspaper proprietors refused to meet their demands for higher pay and the right to have a say in senior staff appointments and policy. The stoppage will be followed by

two more 24-hour strikes next

for a republic

From Our Correspondent Valletta, Dec 13 Dr Anton Buttigleg, the

Maltese Minister of Justice, who had steered through the Bill changing the island from a monarchy to a republic, turned and embraced Mr Mintoff, the Prime Minister, in the House of Representatives last night amid cheers after the Bill had been passed by 49 votes to six.

The Leader of the Opposition,
Dr Borg Olivier, who had
allowed his Nationalist Party a
free vote, voted against the Bill.
There are 29 Labour members and 26 Nationalists. Labour newspapers waxed

lyrical about the passing of the Bill this morning.

The main changes in the con-

stitution concern the Head of State. The first President, Sir Anthony Mamo, who has been Governor-General since 1971, will be sworn in tonight, safeguards against pressures (including spiritual) at elections and human rights, including compensation for confiscation of private property.

During the week's debate on the Bill Mr Mintoff assured the House that he had told the Queen that the change was in no way meant to be disrespectful to her or to the Royal Family.

Basques go on hunger strike

From Harry Debelius

in the Basque city of San Sebastian have joined a political the custody prisoners' hunger strike for have not be amnesty, it was learnt here some time.

last night after a meeting of the San Sebastian Bar Association at which the members voted almost unanimously to draw up a petition for amnesty. Basque political prisoners in 10 Spanish trike since late last month in the demand for amnesty for all political prisoners in Spain. In the other main Basque city of Bilbao 132 lawyers signed a

five-year-old child and four women, during demonstrations connected with the general strike of 200,000 workers in the Basque country on Wednesday. prisons have been on hunger The sources identified the child as Jesus Maria Iraza Garmendia, who was shot in the town of Tolosa. The women were shot in Bectivar and a man was injured

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Madrid, Dec 13
One of the lawyers said he demonstrations in at least two expected to bring up questions towns, Hernani and Tolosa. In the Basque city of San Sebasabout people believed to be in The sources claimed that to the custody of police whom they their knowledge, between 400 prisoners in age learnt here some time. during the "day of struggle". Official reports are incomplete, but they say that 76 were taken into custody in the province of

The one-day protest was the biggest demonstration of political solidarity in the Basque country in the history of General Franco's 35-year-old regime. To the surprise of some politi-cal observers, the Communist Party did not take an active part in the show of strength of Bilbao 132 lawyers signed a in Hernani. Only the Hernani which was supported largely by request for an urgent meeting of their Bar Association to discuss the matter of political prisoners the matter of political prisoners as well as the present judicial said that police opened fire with party.

arrested.

The debate next week will

suffer delays, despite today's vote, because of procedural adjustments over whether

US Senate vote improves chance

The Senate today voted 71 to 19 to impose a time limit on many of the amendments are debate on the Trade Reform Bill. This action greatly im-proves the chances of the measure becoming law. germaine or not to the Trade Behind the scenes intensive The Bill, introduced almost two years ago and seen by the Administration as one of the most important pieces of legis

lobbying is going on, led by the White House for the Bill and by the powerful AFL-CIO trade union organization against it. Even if the Senate votes in for years, will be killed if it fails to get through both Houses before the end of this session. Congressional leaders hope to favour by next Thursday—the earliest possible day according to many observers—the con-ference of both houses of the Congress could well be pro-

end the session next Friday.

Because of the time pressures it is still an open question whether the measure will reach The House of Representatives has still not approved the amendment proposed by Senator Henry Jackson that directly ties the granting of ficantly the prospects for East-West detente, ease emigration loans and most-favoured-nation restrictions on Soviet citizens trade status to the Russians to and open the way for multi-lateral trade liberalization negotiations. It has still to get Soviet assurances on the easing

of emigration restrictions.

Mr Robert Byrd, acting
Democratic leader in the Senate, through the Senate and must then be dealt with by a con-ference of both Houses before returning to each House for a today said he would propose that the session continue beyond next Friday if the Bill has not been dealt with adequately. But it is uncertain at this late date if even this influential senator will come out in the end for the

> amendment himself, calling for the imposition of a \$300m (£130m) ceiling on the volume of subsidized credits that the Export-Import Bank can grant for Soviet-American trade. President Ford stated earlier

those who voted against did so because they believe in unre-stricted debate. most important now before Con-A host of amendments have gress. The Administration mainbeen introduced in an attempt to kill the Bill through shortage of time. Some deal with such tains that getting negotiations started on the liberalization of international trade is vital at matters as car insurance, con-

beating deadline to become law sumer protection and company dislocation. The Administration has also left senators in no The debate next week will doubt that failure to pass the

Bill could have most severe con-sequences for détente It is widely appreciated in Washington that the prospects for detente hinge to a great extent on the degree to which Soviet-American trade is allowed

to develop.

The administration has refused to state if specific numbers of emigration permits have been given in written Soviet assurances regarding the easing of restrictions on emigration, but Senator Jackson today repeated that he is confident that the total will be at least 60,000 a

Meanwhile, the AFL CIO attack on the Bill is gaining momentum, led by Senator Hartke of Indiana. The senator spoke for almost an hour against the cloture motion today and he has proposed six amendments that are all clearly designed to

delay Senate action.
Senator Hartke maintained that liberalizing trade now would lead to increased United States unemployment and to American companies devoting even more of their investment funds to foreign, rather than tunds to foreign, rather than to domestic, expansion. The senator bluntly stated the AFL-CIO's case by insisting that the effect of the Bill would be to strengthen the economies of communist and other foreign countries at the expense of the Senator Byrd has tabled an

American worker.
Today was only the eighteeth time that the senate has voted for a cloture motion and it was one of the few times that such a procedural motion has gained the necessary two-thirds sup-port on the first ballot. The vote, according to one ex-

perienced observer, means that "the Senate has finally decided to get down to business."

New missile tested by Russians in Pacific

Soviet Union has fired its ne SS16 missile some 6,000 mil into the Pacific in a test for ti first time, the United Stat Department of Defence a nounced today.

A spokesman said that to of the solid-fuel SS16s-L lightest of four new Sovi missiles—landed in the Pacil last night about four hor

apart. He indicated that they carri single warheads. The SS16 the only one of the new Sovi missiles which has not be observed carrying multiple inc pendently targeted warhes

Mr James Schlesinger, t American Secretary of Detent and other department officis have predicted that the Russia will begin deploying some their new missiles early no vear.

agreement, while putints a ce nuclear " delivery systems " ar on launching missiles, permi both countries to modern their missile forces. The relatively high level

missiles permitted under t strategic arms limitation tal (Salt) agreement, coupled wi the Soviet Union's advantage size has increased the possibili that the Americans may deci-to develop a new weapon whi cound be launched from eith aircraft or from some lau vehicle.—AP.

Moscow, Dec 13.—The Sovi Union today announced the successful conclusion of missi tests in the Pacific Ocean. Ta said the tests, which beging yesterday and were due to is 18 days, had been completed at the area would be open to a and sea traffic from tomorrow. UPI.

The indictment charged th

company with promising inve-tors that they would be able-write off income tax by depr-ciating their investment over

few years with the possibility (

large profits in the futur Instead they lost their inves

Among those indicted wa Robert Trippet, aged 58, th

The charges in the 39-cou indictment included conspirac

fraud in the sale of securitie

mail fraud and aiding an

Makarios acceptance of changed situation

Argentina quotes Portugal

as example to Britain

Nicosia, Dec 13

President Makarios has been described by a highly placed source as sobered and saddened by the Cyprus he found on his return from exile last Saturday, and convinced of the urgent need to begin negotiations for a political settlement between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot

The Archbishop, whose atti-tude toward Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots has been unbending for 14 years of national independence, was described by the source as ready to meet the Turks with a clear understand-ing of how greatly the situation has shifted in their favour since the Turkish invasion last summer.

Archbishop Makarios has toured a number of the camps in which more than 100,000 Greeks, driven from their homes

New York, Dec 13.—Argentina today called on Britain to follow Portugal's example of decolonization and to hand back

the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

Señor Fernando Fernandez

Escalante, a senior official of the

Foreign Ministry in Buenos Aires, told the United Nations

General Assembly that his country expected a clear and prompt reaction from Great

Britain . . . similar to the change

intensely intellectual lieu-

tenant. They split when Mr

Sithole grew impatient with Mr

The same tensions would seem likely to apply today but clearly the two men and their supporters are determined to present a united front from now

Mr Nkomo is a Churchillian figure with twinkling eyes and a hearty and ready laugh.

Camp Five at Gonakudzingwa

Terrorist ring

headed by judge

in Gaza strip

Nkomo's

approach.

onwards.

of policy seen in Portugal

to Argentine control.

of progress towards allowing them to go home.
Archbishop Makarios's impressions of the new realities

followed his meetings in Athens, just before coming here, with Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, and Mr Glafkos Clerides, acting Presi-dent of Cyprus during the arch-bishop's exile and negotiator for the Greek Cypriot community. A source close to the discussions described them as an

effort by Mr Karamanlis and Mr Clerides to impress upon President Makarios the need to adjust his attitude to correspond to the post-war power re-10-year drugs

ationship on the island.
At the end of the Athens meeting, Archbishop Makarios was described by the source as "ready to swallow the bitter pill", but demanded two weeks in Cyprus before signing the terms of reference for the negotiations that Mr Clerides in the Turkish-occupied north, has demanded as a condition have been living for nearly five months. He has become increasmonths. He has become increas-ingly dejected over the absence New York Times News Service.

Argentina, he said, favoured self-determination of the native

populations of colonial terri-

tories, "except in very special situations, as in the one of the Falkland Islands, where the original Argentine population was exiled and replaced by a

population brought there by the

The islands, some 500 miles

wrenched from Argentina" in

off the Argentine coast, with a population of about 2,000, were

Mozambique border were the worst of his detention, he said.

For three of those years he was allowed no visitors at all. "It was a terrible time. There were only three of us living in the camp all by ourselves."

The six-man police support unit guarding them were in-

structed not to talk to the prisoners, now, he said, he was having to learn to speak again.

Did he ever give up hope?

"Me!" Mr Nkomo bellowed

with incredulous amusement. "Give up hope!, No. Never."

colonialist power ".

1833.—Reuter.

Rhodesia detention 'terrible'

13 charged over fraud on US celebrities

Los Angeles, Dec 13.—Thirteen people were charged yesterday in connexion with a City Bank, Mr Walter Wristo fraudulent oil-drilling scheme in which scores of famous Americans lost millions of

A federal grand jury indicted
13 officers of the bankrupt
Home-Stake Production Company of Oklahoma who were alleged to have defrauded the celebrities of more than \$100m

Among those who invested in the company were the Holly-wood stars Liza Minelli and wood stars Liza Mineth and Walter Matthau, Jack Benny, fraud in the sale of securing the comedian, the singers mail fraud and aiding at Barbra Streisand and Andy assisting in the preparation and Senator Jacob Javits, false income tax returns:

sentence on

Russians arrest organizer

British engineer Lagos, Dec 13—Lawrence Arthur Graves, aged 30, a British aircraft engineer, was today sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment on charges relating to drug offences. The sentences, with hard labour, will run concurrently.

The offences were alleged to have been committed at Lagos

have been committed at Lagos international airport after Mr Graves had completed an assignment with a local air charter company.

The magistrate rejected plea for deportation instead of imprisonment and said the law did not provide for any punish-ment other than a minimum of 10 years' imprisonment. Mr Graves pleaded not guilty

when he first appeared on August 28. The police told the court he had tried to smuggle Indian hemp in a torch when he was about to board a flight for London.—Reuter.

He responded again with

me responded again with amazement and loud laughter when he was asked if he had attempted to escape. "Escape! Escape to where? How could

I escape from my country?

was born here. I live here and I'll die here."

time. All my people knew where I was."

of art displays Moscow Dec 13.—The KG

(secret police) today arreste Alexander Glazer, a Jewish a collector, aged 40, who has bee active in organizing displays (... nonconformist art. Friends said he was detaine after a scuffle with half

dozen plainclothes and w formed police outside his flat.

Mr. Glazer said last night the 10 11 the KGB had questioned bir 12 11 earlier in the day about allege speculation for money in an Soviet literature. They had tol him he was being interrogate as a possible witness in the cas of another man. He added the police had searched his fla confiscating books by Alexande

Solzhenitsyn, Vladimir Naboko and George Orwell.

The Moscow newspape Vechernyaya Moskva accuse Mr Glazier yesterday of doin the specularing himself.

Mr. Glazar was release

Mr Glazer was release tonight after being held an questioned for three hours. In the autumn of this yea, he helped to organize two oper air displays of nonconformis art in Moscow. A bulldoze knocked over exhibits in the light but the according all over the second was all over first, but the second was allower to continue.—UPI and Agence

Renoir stolen in New York

Did he worry about being a forgotten man, as Mr Iau Smith, the Prime Minister, once suggested that he was? "Forgotten man! Me! How could I be forgotten with my big size? I've been in Zimbabwe all the New York, Dec 13.—A small Renoir painting was stolen from the Brooklyn Museum, an police immediately began search of the building, the authorities reported.

The painting—entitled "Stil" Life with Blue Cup" and values at some \$50,000 (£20,800)—wat to be seen to the search of the

found to be missing yesterda-from the fifth floor of the six storey museum by a securit-guard just before closing time

Greek airline's flights switched Britons bound for Christmas

in Greece on Olympic Airways' aircraft were being switched to other flights yesterday after the Greek national airline halted services in a dispute with its Government.

Most of the passengers from Britain, about 250 a day, had been given seats on British Airways flights and few had suf-fered inconvenience, said Mr Christos Economides, the air-line's sales manager in Britain.

Mr Saxbe named envoy to India

Washington, Dec 13.—President Ford today nominated Mr Saxbe, the Attorney General, to be Ambassador to India. He will succeed Mr Daniel Moynihan. who has resigned.

state of affairs in the country. automatic weapons to break up

Basque opposition sources
They announced their decision claimed that police shot and
ast night after a meeting of the wounded six people, including a

Lebanon complains to UN over Israel air raid

From Our Correspondent

Tel Aviv, Dec 13 Military headquarters in Tel Aviv said today that an Al Fatah terrorist ring based in the Gaza strip and headed by a Security Council over Israel's air raid on a refugee camp in a Beirut suburb yesterday. The judge has been smashed. Twenty-five suspects were Government said one woman was killed and 10 people were

The five years he spent in He grew a few vegetables, he amp Five at Gonakudzingwa said, did a little carpentry and

The commander of the ter-rorists was identified as Khaled al-Kadra, a judge in Khan Yuni. His lieutenants in Gaza, Rafah Yunis and Khan Yunis, also were seized, according to the announce-

Documents impounded included lists of recruits and orders for operations. It was believed that the group was responsible for a series of terrorist acts, including the bomb-ing of an Israel bus in Rishon Le Zion 10 months ago. The Gaza strip itself, once a hotbed of guerrilla activity, has been quiet for some time.

From Our Correspondent Beirut, Dec 13 Lebanon today lodged a com-plaint with the United Nations

injured in the raid.

Mr Philip Tekla, the Foreign
Minister, said Lebanon had
secured further Arab support in adopting suitable measures for repelling Israel attacks but

for repelling Israel attacks but gave no further details.

Palestine guerrillas in the southern coastal part of Lebanon today opened fire on Israel aircraft and helicopters as they flew over the area withas hey flew over the area with-out dropping any bombs. Mr Yassir Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organi-zation, conferred with President Suleiman Franjieh this after-

noon.
Mr Arafat declined to say what they discussed but he told

reporters that one Israel aircraft was shot down and another damaged during yesterday's air

he enjoyed.

Beirut, Dec 13.—A bomb exploded today at the offices of the independent weekly magazine Al Diyar, located in a 12-storey building which also houses the Jordanian Embassy.

The motive of the attack against the magazine was not

immediately known.—UPL Cairo, Dec 13.—Egypt intro-duced a new condition today for a peaceful sertlement in the Middle East in what appeared to be a hardening of Cairo's political stance.

Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Foreign
Minister, said: "In any peace
settlement, Israel must freeze

its present population and pledge not to increase the number of its immigrants for the next 50 years." This was the first time that Egypt had expressed such tough conditions for a peace settlement.—AP.

reek unity ained plan for a esidency

Mario Modiano s, Dec 13 disclosure that Mr Con-

ne Karamanlis, the Prime ter, proposes to become ent, with broad executive under the new constituhas suddenly given the republic its first teething secrecy with which the

nment has shrouded its for a draft constitution, ready set off sharp criticom the Opposition. It was ited by Mr Spyros Theo-a leading deputy of Mr a leading deputy of Mitanlis's party, as one of asons why he resigned his oday. At the same time analystis Kanellopoulos, ormer Prime Minister, a confidential briefing Mr Karamanlis about his utional proposals, de-his offer to be nominated

his otre to a president.

Government

Mr s confirmed that Mr anlis's intention had been to head a "moder-Saullist" presidential re-That he had sought to

a different impression ie to his concern not to ice voters by leaving all nstitutional options open

he plebiscite.
e sources said that now
the question of the mon-

vital executive role, the ment would take over a of Parliament's legislative and Parliament would in its powers of control, not of harassment. Canellopoulos, in a state-said he had had second

ts about assuming the of interim president after ramanlis had given him nial information about nititional structure he led, as well as about "his al future aspirations". Theotokis, a member for of the ruling New Demo-Party, in a letter to the nt of Parliament, and he was resigning his cause of his party's attiring the plebiscite, which at odds with the party's hip. Mr Karamanlis had l his party to observe neutrality during the ite. Mr Theotokis, a Foreign Minister, is a

rovalist. her reason for his action · Prime Minister's failure ify, in the statement of vernment's policy, his ins concerning the new con-in and the political system

Opposition, which had d Mr Karamanlis during e-election campaign to dishis constitutional plans, laims that he would never von 54 per cent of the vote ad told the people he was execut

pondents have been ex-l from the courtroom. We

h the report because it

tes how closed Soviet are conducted. Dr Shtern,

has been in prison await-

trial of Dr Mikhail Shtern

ened here. He is accused of ing and extorting bribes.

Grigory Krivoruchko, the

prosecutor, vesterday read he indictment, which said in Shtern, in charge of the sa regional endocrinological sary, used his office for g money.

g money.

was said to have forced to pay him a high fee for tent, though medical service en free of charge in the Union. Dr Shtern is also to have sold medicines at ative prices.

public prosecutor qualified actions as the extortion of

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Boris Antonov

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Well-wishers and protesters greet President Giscard d'Estaing in Guadeloupe on his way to meet President Ford.

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From Fred Emery

Washington, Dec 13 President Ford is hoping to end the de Gaulle Pompidou era of friction with the United States when he meets President Giscard d'Estaing on the Caribbean island of Martinique He leaves Washington tomorrow morning, unaccompanied

by his wife, who is suffering from discomfort in her back and neck, caused by osteo-arthritis and not by her recent breast operation. White House officials suggest it is time to give substance to the change of tone detected

since President Giscard took office, particularly in the all-important fields of oil diplomacy and international monetary policy.

They say that today's proposals by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) for renewed price increases have emphasized the need-seen here now as absolute for the consuming countries—to concert their policies before agreeing to meet the

producers. The White House is not expecting the French to embrace the American view with open enthusiasm. But there will be disappointment if France does not now accede to the broad approaches agreed between the United States and France's part-ners in the European Com-

Another main topic will be the role of gold in the future of the international monetary

Forte de France, Martinique, Dec 13.—President Giscard d'Estaing concluded his visit to the nearby French island of Guadeloupe today and flew to Martinique for his meeting with Mr Ford.—UPI.

American aid for Lisbon

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Dec 13

In an explicitly stated "demonstration of United States support and confidence in Portugal's future", the first rortugal's tuture", the first economic assistance agreement between the two countries since the overthrow of the old regime was announced jointly today.

The United States offered to begin at once a programme to exempt support for begin at once a programme addressed to the Portugals in its effort to construct a free and democratic while hoped good sense would preeconomic assistance agreement between the two countries since the overthrow of the old regime was announced jointly today.

addressed to the Portuguese society".

After Mrs Guzhva was signed out of the hospital, she had to be examined at the Kiev endocrinolo-

gical research institute and by a commission of medical and labour experts to draw up the papers for

Overchuk and her husband to buy "foreign-made" medicines.

He first took 25 roubles for an injection of Sustinon-250 (the price of one ampoule is 1 rouble 45 kopeks), and then filled out a prescription for Mrs Overchuk for eight ampoules, which he took away from Mrs Overchuk as soon as she had bought them in the chemist's shop.

The ampoules obtained in this way were sold by Dr Shtern to Mrs Anna Matvienko, the mother of his under-age patient, V. Lesovov. She told the court that she paid Dr Shtern 25 roubles for a box of Sustinon, and she put the money in an open desk drawer in front of him. Dr Shtern later twice sold this medicine to Mrs Matvienko for 30 roubles each time.

Mr Nikola! Bezkursky, the father of another of Dr Shtern's patients, told the court that, after examining his son, Dr Shtern said: "Treatment for your son will cost a lot." Dr Shtern said he was ready to sell the required medicine if Mr Bezkursky would pay for it.

The doctor took 25 roubles and later three kilos of fish
Today a succession of witnesses

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Today a succession of witnesses give similar evidence. One of them, Mr P. Malishevsky, said his child was treated by Dr Shtern, who gave him drugs worth 6 roubles 16 kopeks. "I could get together 19 roubles and fumbled for more in my pockets", he said. "Shtern then said: "Put on the desk what you have I I gave him my last five-rouble note."

At one point, when the public prosecutor gave the official price of drugs supplied to a witness, Dr Shtern jumped up and demanded in an insulting fashion that the prosecutor should not meddle in the evidence given by the witness. Mr Vasily Orlovsky, chairman of the court, explained that the prosecutor was acting in accordance with the law. During an interval Dr Shtern apologized to Mr Krivoruchko in the presence of his own lawyer. "I did not know the law", he said.

The trial continues.

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government's high priorities in finance and the economy. It finance and the economy. It mentioned particularly needs in housing, agriculture, transport ation, public administration, education and health.

In brief

Moscow Jew to face firing squad

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store, has been sentenced to
death by firing squad on
charges of taking bribes, his
wife said today.

Mrs Sofia Leviev told
Western correspondents that

the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation passed the sen-tence on her 57-year-old hus-band Mikhail on Sunday after an 11-week trial.

The prosecutor said that before Dr Shtern signed an order for such an examination, he again demanded a bribe, and this time received 150 roubles from Mr Hongkong officer fined Hongkong, Dec 13.—John Neil Douglas Hamilton, a senior British officer of the Another witness, Mrs Anna Another witness, Mrs Anna Overchuk, told the court that her son was treated by Dr Shtern from February to the end of July of last year. For this service, Dr Shtern extorted money from Mrs Overchuk and her husband to buy "foreign-made" medicines. Anti-Corruption Commission, was today fined \$HK10,000 (£900) for accepting an interest-free loan of £2,000 from a Chinese policeman.

6,000 Vietnam deaths

Saigon, Dec 13.—A battle involving thousands of communist and government troops at a village near the Tay Ninh provincial capital came at the end of a week in which the Saigon Command said more than 6,000 people had been killed on both sides.

Jail patient 'improved'

Johannesburg, Dec 13.-The condition of Mr Bram Fischer, the imprisoned former Commun ist Party leader who is in a Pretoria hospital with cancer, was stated today to have improved. He is 66.

Wilson-Whitlam talks

Mr Wilson will have talks with Mr Gough Whitlam, Prime Mini-ster of Australia, at 10 Downing Street, next Thursday and Friday. Mr and Mrs Whitlam will be guests of the Prime Minister at dinner on Thursday.

Help for the hungry

Geneva, Dec 13.-A worldwide appeal for funds to provide help for millions of children threatened with starvation was launched today by the United Nations Children's Fund.

Turkish rail crash

Ankara, Dec 13.-A goods train crashed into the Istanbul-Baghdad express near Kayseri, central Turkey, early today. Seven people were killed.

PARLIAMENT, December 13, 1974_____

Increased holdings of currency and investment in UK by Saudi Arabia: prospects of more trade

House of Commons

MR HEALEY, Chancellor of the
Exchequer (Leeds, East, Lab), in
a statement on his recent visit to
Saudi Arabia, said there was positive interest in the development
of closer economic and industrial
crooperation between the Kingdom
of Saudi Arabia and the United
Kingdom. It was agreed that a
committee of officials from the
two countries should meet in
Riyadh in February to discuss in
detail plans for increasing cooperation and the means by which they
should be implemented—including
the possibility of a joint commission. The discussions were
friendly and constructive.

MR CARR, Opposition spokesman on the Treasury (Sution, Carshalton C).—Have there been any
new developments in the way in
which Saudi Arabia is going to
put her money into this country,
either in manner or term?

Could he say something about
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Could he say something about the concern caused while he was away by the decision of Saudi Arabia following one by Kuwait that they would in future expect to have payment for oil entirely in dollars? This has caused in dollars? This has caused grave disturbance to confidence.
MR HEALEY said he had arranged for Lord Ashby to visit Saudi Arabia in a few weeks to discuss with them the development of university education in Saudi Arabia, which was something on the control of t

agreement on cooperation in educa-Regarding investment (he continued), the Saudi ministers made it clear that they intend not only to maintain but increase holdings of currency in this country and to develop investment in many

which they wished to have the closest cooperation with the United closest cooperation with the United Kingdom. They wished the two governments to draw up a general

spheres.
The Saudi ministers I met were as surprised and dismayed as I was by the reports which reached the capital on Wednesday that comcapital on Wednesday that com-panies were selling sterling to meet rax and royalty payments in dollars. I was told that this decision was purely in order to simplify matters. The arrangements by which Ameri-can companies pay some sterling for their oil dates back for many years. The important thing is that they do plan to maintain and in-crease their investment in this crease their investment in this

country. The difficulties arose this week from the accident that Aramco was not given notice of this decision until they had already bought stering for the purpose of paying for these sureties. This resulted in them unloading the sterling in a hurry when they got the informa-tion and that was what led to the flurry carlier in the week. The knowledge that the Saudi Government intends to increase its holdings in this country rather than

exchange markets this morning.

MR THORPE (North Devon, L)

The Arameo suggestion can now
be denied but it would have been
helpful, and would be in the
future. If denials could be more
prompt than on this occasion, when
we had to walt some days for the
Chancellor's return before the
position was put right.

position was put right.

Is it not time for a meeting between the ministers of oil importing and oil exporting countries? MR HEALEY-It would always be helpful if rumours did not spread. It was fortunate that I happened to be in Saudi at the time this happened because I was able to obtain an assurance about the increase in Saudi investment

the increase in Sandi investment in this country.
Concerning a meeting, if the interim committee of the IMF adopts the plan for recycling, which I proposed and on which its own staff have been working, this will be the best way of starting this type of dialogue. Both the producers and consumers recognize a common interest in establishing a secure location for part of the petro-dollar surpluses and a location from which they can recycle from countries which can recycle from countries which for the time being will have oil On the general question of dis-

On the general question of dis-cussions between producers and consumers, there are differences of opinion between the United States Government and some European governments on how this should be achieved. MR LEE WILLIAMS (Havering, Hornchurch, Lab).—On the quesnormaliuren, Lao).—On the ques-tion of recycling of petro-dollars, Dr Kissinger's proposals for arrangement through the OECD has much to commend it.

MR HEALEY-There is a case MK HEALEY—Inere is a case for a proposal along these lines, although many governments, not least the oil producing governments, felt the way the proposal was initially made smacked too much of confrontation rather than dialogue between producers and consumers.

dialogue between producers and consumers.

Providing the IMF facility is launched in January, it should be possible to reach agreement on a plan for a common trust fund of the type which Dr Kissinger has adumbrated. I suspect it will be some time before detailed agreement can be reached on that proment can be reached on that pro-

MR HORDERN (Horsham and

MR HORDERN (Horsham and Crawley, C)—Whatever method might be selected—whether the Kissinger or the Healey proposals—it seems as if the country will be bardened with ever-increasing debt expressed in foreign currencies. Are not further measures required, considering the trade figures announced yesterday, to put our house in order?

MR HEALEY — Concerning debt, it was the last government

producers in order to finance a non-oil deficit. We have continued the arrangement in order to finance the oil deficit, from which nearly all countries are suffering. The sooner we can dispense with the need for this type of borrowing the better.

But one of the advantages of the agreement I reached in Riyadh is the prospect of big increases in British trade with Saudt, which will reduce the size of the deficit requiring to be financed.

financed.
MR LAMONT (Kingston upon MR LAMONT (Kingston upon Thames, C)—The increase in trade is welcome. British exporters have been slow in getting lato the new market in the Middle East. The Japanese have increased their exports four-fold in the last year. Can he see that this is treated as a matter of urgeacy?

MR HEALEY—I agree with much of what he says, although we have maintained our share of Saudi trade in the last year. On the other hand, we have not increased it, which, with our experience in the Middle East, we should have been expected to do.

do.

Many British companies are Many British companies are achieving great success in their efforts to export to Saudi, but many companies are not making the efforts they should. I hope the establishment of an intergovernmental framework for encouraging and manitoring trade between our countries may be of some assistance.

MR AITKEN (Thanet East, C)—To some of us who have visited

inter-governmental programme has been set up. Will he implement a crush programme to restructure such things as the Department of Trade's overseas

MR HEALEY—We have more than maintained our share of trade with Saudi Arabia and Mr Aitken's complaint is not justifiable.

Now, with the inability of the

To some of us who have visited the Middle East in recent months, his statement has the air of sound-

his statement has the air of sounding a bit like too little and too late. Mr Healey is the first British minister to have visited Arab countries since Labour came to power in March, whereas the French Government have had ministers scouring these countries. As a result, the French have announced in the past year a series of deals of selling exports forward worth more than £5.000m.

We welcome the fact that this

We welcome the fact that this projects group and other institu-tions connected with exports to the Middle East

Kissinger or the Healey proposals — it seems as if the country will be bardened with ever-increasing debt expressed in foreign currencies. Are not further measures required, considering the trade figures announced yesterday, to put our house in order?

MR HEALEY — Concerning debt, it was the last government which started borrowing money on a large scale from the oil just carried out.

reduce them has already led to an improvement in sterling on the Select committee will consider impact

of wealth tax on works of art MR NEAVE (Abingdon, C) moved that the House should note with alarm the threat posed to the

rail and that no government would be so philistine and retrograde to cause the dispersal of the great

cause the dispersal of the great art collections.

The nation spent £1,500m on gambling and huge sums on food and drink. They were in danger of getting their values wrong and of losing the private collector altogether and making it impossible to build up new collections in the future. The wealth tax would amount to a fine on the collector. MR FAULDS (Warley, East, Lab) said those MPs who loved the arts were engaged in two battles. The first was to persuade the Chancellor to zero rate for the purposes of VAT the work of all creative people. The second fight was over the wealth tax on works of art.

Had the Minister not yet accepted the threat this tax posed to Britain's heritage and the livelihood of British artists? Did he committee on the wealth tax had now been set up with 21 members of all parties in the House. red the threat this tax posed to Britain's heritage and the liveli-hood of British artists? Did he care or was it that his political muscle was not enough? MR ST JOHN STEVAS (Chelms-

ford, C). Opposition spokesman on the arts, said this was the greatest crisis the arts in Britain bad faced since the war.

There were three threats: that the work of the Arts Council over a quarter of a century would be destroyed; that historic houses would be threatened by the proposed wealth and capital transfer taxes; that great collections of pictures and other works of art would be lost to this country if the taxation proposals were implemented.

MR HUGH JENKINS, Under-Science (Wandsworth, Putney, Lab) said the wealth tax was not proposed to begin until a figure of £100,000 was reached and at that level it began at the rate of 1 per cent.

The Government could not go so far as to meet the suggestion made

In the Green Paper on the tax the Government had expressed their determination to protect the national heritage. They were sympathetic to casing t that the tax proposals might cause, although the variety of objects in historic houses affected would require different solutions. This would be one of the main tasks of

would be one of the main tasks of the committee.

The Green Paper had said that arrangements might be made to take works of art into public ownership in satisfaction of wealth tax liabilities. These would be allo-cated to public collections where they would be constantly available to viewing by the public.

The intention was that the trans-

The jutention was that the transfer from estate duty to capital transfer tax would make no differ-ence to the position of works of art. In some respects there might be a minor advantage.

The debate was adjourned.

Pickets case: TUC to give general views

DR GLYN (Windsor and Maidenhead, C) calling arrention to the enforcement of the law and the proper sentences for any breach, moved:

"That this House expresses its concern at the increasing disconcern at the increasing disc

"That this House expresses its regard for the observance of law, of which the so-called Windsor Free Pop Festival is but one example; regards the present escalation of acts of vandalism, violent crine, hi-jacking and terrorism as a threat to our way of life; and calls upon the Government to take all necessary measures, such as increasing the eriment to take all necessary measures, such as increasing the size of the police force and special constabulary and reviewing penalties both for acts of terrorism and other crimes, to restore the rule of law."

He said he was not against pop festivals but the festivals must be properly organized, he legal

testivals but the lestivals must be properly organized, be legal and not interfere with the peace and quiet of the lives of other citizens. Without so much as anyone's leave the Great Park at Windsor was used in 1972, 1973 and 1974 for a festival which was illegal.

MR BRITTAN (Cleveland and Whitby, C) said that to respond to political pressures and release the Shrewsbury pickets prematurely would knock another tall in the coffin of the rule of law. The only protection for everywhere were protection for everybody was to bave a government of law above the government of men.

MR BRYAN DAVIES (Enfield, North, Lab) said if the TUC was able to identify that failure to exercise clemency might cause to degree of disrespect for the law among trade unionists, then it was right and proper for the TUC to make such representations.

MR FOWLER (Sutton Coldfield, C) said he thought it was right that police should investigate complaints against them from the public, but more police forces should consider following the example of Scotland Yard in setting up a separate complaints heach divorced from normal police duties.

DR SHIRLEY SUMMERSKILL, Under-Secretary, Home Office (Halifax, Lab) said there was reason to think that damage to property was a fashionable offence among certain groups of young people.

The Home Office Standing Committee on Crime Prevention was

considering the report of a work

ing party on the extent of van-dalism and on measures which could be taken to prevent it. This would, she hoped, enable the Home Office to offer useful ad-vice to people and organizations —for example, London Transport —where property was most at risk -whose property was most at risk.
The Windsor Free Pop Festival
was held this year as in two previous years without the permission of the Crown Estates Comsion of the Crown Estates Com-missioners. She did are in any way condone the illegality of what was involved. She could assure the House that important lessons had been learnt by the police, Home Office and local authorities about the repercussions of the festival.

festival. The need to devise more acceptable arrangements for the future wherever a pop festival might occur was receiving consideration from the local authorities in the

Many MPs had strong feeling on the Shrewsbury pickets. The decision of the courts must be be recognized that every citizen or body of citizens had the right to petition for clemency on behalf of a convicted person. The Home of a convicted person. The Home Secretary must always be ready to receive and consider representations for the exercise of the royal prerogative of mercy.

The Home Secretary had said that he could not usurp the functions of the courts and should recommend interference with sencomment interference with setternees passed by the courts only on the basis of considerations which the courts had not been able to take into account. That view still stood.

The Prime Minister's meeting with the TUC certainly did not have the grave constitutional implications that some MPs seemed plications that some MPs seemed to suppose. Its purpose would be to receive the views of the TUC on various general matters arising from the case, but at the same time it was well understood that any advice on the exercise of the royal prerogative of mercy in individual cases remained the sole responsibility of the Home responsibility of the Home Secretary.

The general remit of the meeting was that various general mat-ters arising from the case would be discussed.

The motion was agreed to. House adjourned, 4-30 pm.

Directive on additives in feeding stuffs European Parliament

Luxembourg

Parliament considered a motion by the Agriculture Committee on a Commission proposal for a directive about additives to feeding stuffs. R SCOTT BOPKINS (UK, West

six SCOTT-HOPKINS (UK, West Derbyshire, C) said the Conservatives backed the motion supporting the Commission proposal in almost every respect, but further investigation ought to be carried out in respect of hormonal and anti-hormonal substances.

They had therefore tabled amendments to make that possible, There was, for instance, a substance in use in England called maximin which was harmless, so far as was known. They sought to ensure that such substances were not prohibited, but subjected to scientific tests before final decisions were made.

SGR SCARASCIA MUGNOZZA, Vice-President of the Commission, said the Commission could not agree to the amendments because agree to the amendments because so far no safe method had been found to assess the extent to which

some additives might or might not be dangerous.

An amendment removing hormonal and anti-hormonal substances from the prohibited list of the proposed directive was carried by eight votes to seven, a majority for the Conservatives of one. More MPs arrived and the amendment to add the products to a list requiring tests to be carried out was rejected by nine votes to

out was rejected by nine votes to eight. The report as amended was agreed to.

SGR VETRONE (Italy, C-D) successfully moved a report agreeing to a Commission proposal for an import tariff quota for frozen beef and veal. The modon rook account of undertakings under the Gatt but said that the Council should implement protective measures under Gatt if the imports caused or threatened disturbance of the Community market. Parliament approved an emergency motion calling on the Council to make available a further 5,000 tonnes of cereals for refugees in Cyprus

Cyprus
Parliament adjourned until

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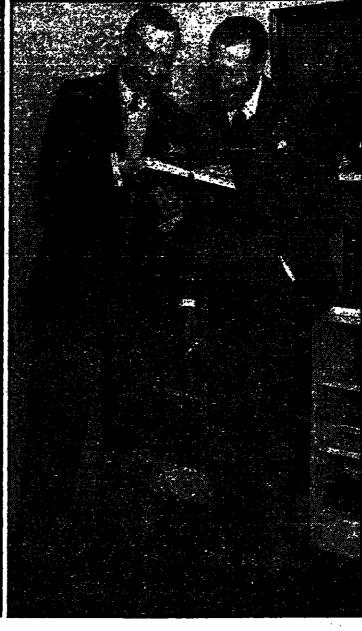
SATURDAY REVIEW

The man who was Bulldog Drummond

Warren Tute meets Gerard Fairlie, the man behind a legend.

'His best friend would not have called him good looking, but he was the fortunate possessor of that cheerful type of ugliness which inspires immediate confidence in its owner. His mouth was not small . . . in fact, to be strictly accurate, only his eyes redeemed his face from being what is known in the vernacular as the Frozen Limit.' Thus was Bulldog Drummond described by Sapper, his creator, Drummond, perhaps more than any other fictional hero, symbolized the upper class, ex-officer world of the 20s and 30s. In fact Sapper based Drummond on Gerard Fairlie who now lives in an inland town in Malta, with the complete works of his friend P. G. Wodehouse lining his shelves as well as the 43 books he has written himself.





Gerard Fairlie today (far left) and with Sapper, Bulldog Drummond's creator, 40 years ago.

A gallery of Drummonds Bottom row, left to right. Gerald du Maurier, who created the role for the stage; Carlyle Blackwell in the first and most faithful film adaptation (1922), here in disguise; Ronald Colman in Bulldog Drummond Strikes Back (1934) with Georges Regas

Below: two shots from Bulldog Drummond Comes . Back (1937)—John Howard as Drummond with John Barrymore and Reginald Denny, the gagged sidekick Algy, with villain I. Carrol Naish; and in yet another version from the same year, Bulldog Drummond Escapes, Ray Milland as the hero with Porter Hall and Heather Ang













The "Bulldog" himself was at the door. Erect, tall and with the expected firm handshake, only the post-cataract glasses suggested his 75 years. The famous nose "which had never quite recovered from the final one year in the public schools heavyweights" was, perhaps, a fraction more bulbous and slightly better illuminated, but he still exhibited the humorous expression of a man whose outlook on life has enabled him always to find and to relish an ironic quirk in any given situation, however dire. I asked

Gerald Fairlie: You were Bulldog Drummond, weren't you?
I was and I am. In a sense I became the prototype after the event—which needs a word of explanation—and I also wrote seven of the Bulldog Drummond books myself after Sapper died. The character itself was a composite. Sapper was 11 years older than I was. He spent most of the first world war in the trenches, ending up as a Lieutenant Colonel. The hero he created. Captain Hugh Drummond, finished the war with the DSO and the MC. I was a Cadet

at Sandhurst till December 1918 so I never saw active service in what we then called "the Great War". But I think I probably struck Sapper as the sort of physical specimen he had already visualized for Drummond. I was a heavyweight boxer, I played rugger and I suppose was generally above average at games, in contrast to Sapper himself. But between us I imagine we could muster most of the main qualities and defects of the character. Maybe that's one reason why Drum-mond caught the imagination of that post-war world in the way he did.

How did you meet? I was a Cadet at Sandhurst and he was Chief Instructor at the Senior Officers' School. Sapper's full name was Herman Cyril McNeile, but he hated his Christian names and every-one called him "Mac". We next met on the links at Nairn interest in my education. where I lived. I had sliced one off the first tee short of the heach on the right of the first fairway. Mac, playing just behind, did the same dropping Army before the 1914 War, a successful men, Sapper enone between my feet as I was looking for my ball. I broke all very rigid code of behaviour he for his luck.

records for the involuntary high jump and he came up to apolo-From then on a warm friendship developed, remark-able in that throughout our association—both working and social-it was never marred by any misunderstanding, let alone single quarrel.

life. Wherever he went his personality made a forceful impact. He was loud in everything-in voice, in laughter, in his clothes and in the unconscious swagger with which he moved. in anyone else would have been deplorable defects, you couldn't dislike him because he was a genuine extrovert with an immense zest for life. He was full of generosity. He loved people and he loved his work. Every moment he lived to the full, whether it was with men drinking and yarning, or with pretty girls, whom he adored, or simply in writing to entertain, which he did every day of his And he was prolific?

Not really. He tended to be a slow worker, if you judge out-put by the number of words written in a day. He was enthusiastic if he thought he had written a good story, but re-mained always very critical of his own work. Nothing reached a publisher or an editor until Mac was satisfied he could not improve it. Never a day passed, if he could help it, when he did not sit down at his desk at nine o'clock and work through till lunch. He allowed himself to be interrupted only for a pint of beer at 11. The rest of the day was clear for golf or tennis or a visit to a rugger match. In the evening he met his friends and acquaintances and encouraged them to voice their opinions on all and sundry. After all people were his business. That was a lesson he taught me very early on and I learnt more from him than any of the other established writers who so kindly took an

How did Supper get started as a writer? In a most unorthodox way. He was a regular subaltern in the

imposed on most of his characters. Like so many of his fellow junior officers. Mac found himself perpetually short of money and, since he loved stories, he decided to try to write one himself for money. Taking a rude tale, not too well known. he amended and enlarged it and sent it to a peculiar periodical called The Winning Was there much of Bulldog Drummond in Sapper himself? Mac was certainly larger than Post run by an even more peculiar character called Robert Sievier, who ended up at a later date in front of the Lord Chief Justice.

To the young author's surprise, Sievier published his story, omitting only to pay for it. So Mac screwed up his courage and went to see him in his office. Sevier, who at that time owned a famous racehorse and was a well-known gambler himself, gave Mac the full treatment. The drawers of the editorial desk were pulled open to reveal only a few coppers and stamps. No cheque book was to hand. In short the "penurious publisher" act was put over with all of Sievier's mmense charm.

Now, young fellow". Sievier said, indicating the end of the interview, "I'm going to let you into a secret which will give you more money than ever I could pay you for your article. There's a big race up north today. Put your shirt on So and So, because it's going to

On the basis of "in for a penny", Mac rounded up his friends, pooled resources and laid on a sizable bet. The horse won at 50 to 1 and thus Mac's first literary effort did make him more money than he ever received subsequently for a short story-and he became one the highest paid writers of the twenties and thirties. Shortly afterwards the Great

War began. Soon stories of life the trenches started to arrive the Daily Mail, Northcliffe spotted their quality at once. He published them. But, as no regular serving officer could write under his own name, he dubbed the author Sapper. As such he became an instant success, so much so that when he tried, after the war, to write under his proper name, the public would have none of it. Like all

How did you get involved?

I turned to Mac in 1924 in the hope of trying to write fiction. I'd had five years of the Scots Guards, a rather expensive regiment, and I'd just married Joan. I decided I couldn't afford both the Army and Joan so, with her full support, I risked everything to try to make it as a writer. Naturally I started to collect the obligatory clutch of rejection slips and then luck

came into it again.
In 1924 the International Olympic Committee decided for the first time ever to hold a winter sports section at Chamo-nix. In the way things were done in those purely amateur days— and how much more pleasant they were !—a British bobsleigh team was raised by a friend of mine in the Brigade of Guards. I fell for the offer of a free trip to the Alps and I didn't even know what a bobsleigh looked like. They said that all they needed was a chap with guts in the middle of the five-man bob of about my weight and suf-ficiently disciplined to lean in on receiving the order. I thought I could cope. They took me and we finished fifth.

there, Fairlie offered the job of official historian to the Olympiad, not only at Chanonix but at Paris in the June of that year. The fee? One hundred and fifty pounds. He jumped at the job. From his own short story writing in that first year, he made exactly ten pounds. Soon he was to become Special Correspondent of The Times for the winter sports section of the 1928 Olympiad, this time at St Moritz. He was also writing regularly on sport for the Bystander, and published his first novel Scissors Cut Paper.

But how did vou come to be not only the prototype-after-theevent of Bulldog Drummond but also to write seven of the books, and a number of Drummond short stories yourself?

The short answer is that, apart from our close friendship, I could do some of the things Mac couldn't. Undoubtedly Sapper is in the history books as one of the most popular story tellers of his age. The sales of his books were enormous. Bulldog Drum to remember the lost generation mond was first published in and the terrible slaughter of

1920 and the 1951 edition you have in your hand is the 65th impression. But I don't think he or anyone else would claim him to be a great writer. He could never produce dialogue an actor could speak, possibly because so much of his characterization was really caricature. For instance he only wrote

one play entirely by himself and that was the ill-fated The Way Out produced at the Comedy Theatre in January, 1930. In spite of a most talented cast, his dialogue made the characters too unreal, too much like caricatures. You couldn't believe in them. I think the stage is the most difficult medium of all to write for as it's three dimensional. Mac could not manage it. You can get a reader "will-ingly to suspend his disbelief" in a novel or on sound radio be-cause once his own imagination is brought into play, half your work is done for you. But on the stage when the curtain goes up, characters and situation have to be absolutely real. They must be seen in the round. Of course there was the

Gerald du Maurier production which ran a year, but Gerald was a great actor and the actor managers of those days usually rewrote any script they were given to suit their own particular talents. Mac was the first to acknowledge "the great con-tribution du Maurier made to the play"—a euphemism for saying he rewrote it. But then du Maurier himself was larger than life. He had mannerisms on the stage which contrived to give his audience an impression of absolute naturalness. Remember that this was 1921. What was natural then would be grotesque today. He couldn't even have repeated his performance ten years later when Ronald Colman did it as a movie. Everything has its time.

I remember lunching with Gerald and Mac at Ciro's—that splendid restaurant-club in Orange Street—when Gerald analysed the play's success. "I don't attribute this solely to its entertainment value" he said, Buildog Drummond appeals to the youth of the country because in him they can recognize the sort of leadership they badly need and aren't getting any more". You always have to remember the lost generation

that war to end all wars the gaps in the families . . everything had been uprooted If only they could find a Bulldog Drummond to lead them, a man who understood all classes of the population....

From the patrician point of

Yes, but that was how most people thought at the time. If they could find a hero who never hesitated to give all his time to help those in need, who was a great patriot—the British Empire was still very much alive and we'd won the war—a tough, fearless man unwilling to wait for diplomats and politicians to make up their minds thing about it." Now I ask but who went all out for immediate justice even if it proved to be a bit rough at times, then at least part of the future would be signposted. A visit to the play or a reading of the book gave people an escape into a world they longed for themselves. Bulldog Drummond play at the time? was a benevolent, bard headed individual hero, the sort of person no one seems to want rodav—unless it's James Bond. Something of a fascist?

I suppose so, although I'm not at all sure what that means. Would our fashionable Marxists call Robin Hood a fascist? Drummond was certainly not a political fascist, not a miniature Hitler or Mussolini—just a good honest chao, loyal to the King, who believed that British was Best, as in those days it most certainly was.

Sapper died in 1937 at the carly age of 48 but by then you were a well established author in your own right, yet you were still associated in the public mind with the Bulldog Drummond image?

Mac and I were great friends. That was the basis of it, and this was certainly known in the profession, if not by the public at large. Then, some three years before be died, Mac and I were invited to broadcast in the top BBC programme of the rime In Town Tonight. In that programme Mac admitted to the world, though in very lighthearted terms, that he had based his Bulldog Drummond character on me. That wasn't strictly true but from then on was what the world firmly helieved...

Was it difficult to live up to?

In the sense that people have always expected more from me in the way of physical courage and resource of mind—yes. Like all of us who went through the Second World War, there have been times when I've been very very frightened indeed. In fact scared stiff. I don't think Buildog Drummond ever was. I mean, as I said in that broad-cast, it's all very well but every time anything goes wrong at home-you know, strange noises downstairs in the dead of night about it. And if I say "It's mice", my wife always remarks Drummond would do some-

you... Sapper died at very notice, so to speak. Yes. It was cancer of the throat and mercifully quick. And you were collaborating on another Bulldog Drummond

A comparatively new manage-

ment. O'Bryen and Linner, wanted a play for Leslie Banks. They commissioned Bulldog Drummond Hits Out. As it happened. Leslie Banks and, later. Clive Brook both turned down Drummond because they were too "physical" in type for them. Eventually Henry Edwards agreed to play the part with a then unknown actress called Judy Campbell, subsequently to become Noel Coward's leading lady, playing opposite. opened in the summer of 1937 at Brighton but Mac was by then far too ill to attend. This was a very moving time for me. Mac was consulted on all

aspects of the script and casting, and one evening in mid-August-I remember it had been a day full of sun and colour-I found Mac in his Sussex garden where I went to bring him up to date with the

We talked together for a long time alone but not about the play. Mac opened his heart to me that evening and told me for the first time that he knew he was dying. I said very little as the occasion was too much for me. He asked me to do several things for him when he was gone, which I'm happy to have been able to do. He told me I understood Bulldog Drummond

better than anyone else. asked me to protect the go-name of the characters for a I was worth, always. He longer wanted to hear deta about the play, simply saying that he was leaving all that so of thing to me. He finished by saying: "Well, good luc Joe, it's all been fun", whi left me speechless. The ne morning he was dead. And he asked you to carry

with the Bulldog Drummo. scries? No. But he had anxieti

about finance, afraid that would leave his widow less w off than she should be, a therefore also their two so: Then some weeks later, B Watt of A. P. Watt & Son (w was also my agent) got togeth with the Hodder-Willian brothers who controlled Hodd and Stoughton, our publisher and suggested I should carry with the series of Bulld-Drummond books. I agreed wi very considerable misgiving. How would you sum up Bulldog Drummond has do

for you?
Well—the character has u doubtedly given me a great de of most useful publicity. Drui mond has also given me the fi of writing about him and t other characters, especially Ali Longworth, the nearest perha to P. G. Wodehouse which much enjoy. I've done my be to keep the characters goin largely for the benefit of the family he left behind him.

A perfect short story Sapper used to say, "is ide tical to the perfect iron shot i golf. It must start with a bat which immediately creates the crisply hit away by the clu Then the interest must continu in an ever-increasing trajector until the climax is reached, ju as the ball flies straight ar true, rising all the while. The finish as quickly as possible with all the back spin you cz use to cut out any superfluor words."

If you analyse his sho stories or his novels, you ca see that be faithfully follows his own precepts. When it can the theatre, however, h remained-as he had been whe we first met-one of the fine: short high slicers off any te that I've ever seen.

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Chess Vintage games

rnard Shaws, the Russells and the npton Mackenzies (the latter incidentally, both keen ss players) have all done us immense favour of showing t a long life can be con-uly interesting providing the id retains that essentially thful quality of Renaissance iosity. They were not only it in themselves but they seeded in passing on to us impression of greatness in

sser lights also managed to eve this. For some reason or r it is mostly from Georgia he Soviet Union that one these Munchausen-like es of men who are in their nd century, and who tell of they saw Napoleon when were young. What Napo-was doing in Georgia I ot understand; perhaps he the wrong turning on his at from Moscow or perhaps joined in the pursuit and sing of Napoleon under the ing leadership of Prince en of Mingrelia. No, this possibility will hardly fit in the time scheme since the e equally dashing in his became famous (or inis) for his quarrel with gorin in the later years of

eorgians in this respect in rn Europe seem to be the . The Dutch chess-master Foreest was still playing ent chess in his late 80s I visited the Netherlands out 1946. The pleasure I from winning first prize mall international tourna-at Baarn was enhanced by arcumstance that practicpery other person one met a to be over 80. And yet vere endowed with more than people 50 years junior in England.

ife that intrigues me con-he record of such players years in tournaments onal championships.

many years, too, I have eeping records of the peraces of all Soviet players r championship. Pressure k made me abandon this le of years ago, but I see . certain all-union chess named V. Dvorkovitch an engaged in compiling ch statistics. On the eventand Soviet Chess Champ he gives in an article latest number of "64" ussian chess newspaper ed in Moscow) some bout those who have most and done best in iet Championship.

record holder is Mark Championships and out 136, of 394 games won 136, 188 and lost 70—a per-5 of 58.7. Next comes in with 19 tournaments.

360 games, 115 win, 175 draws and also 70 losses—56.1 per cent. Korchnoi, the defeated player northnon, the deteated player in the recent candidates final, has a better percentage, 61.2, but has played in fewer tournaments, 16, with a total of 304 games, 115 wins, 142 draws, and 47 losses.

The best performance of all is that of the former world champion Botvinnik. He has played in 12 tournaments with 213 games, winning 111, drawing 77 and losing only 25 (70 per cont)

Other good scores are Geller, 15 tournaments, 284 games, 108 wins, 118 draws and 58 losses (59 per cent). Smyslov, 17 tournaments, 320 games, 101 wins, 172 draws, 47 losses (58.5 per cent). Tal, 13 tournaments, 246 games, 101 wins, 108 draws, 37 losses (63 per cent). 246 games, 101 wins, 108 draws, 37 losses (63 per cent). Polugaievsky, 14 tournaments, 262 games, 95 wins, 133 draws, 34 losses (62.1 per cent). Spassky, 11 tournaments, 205 games, 79 wins, 101 draws, 25 lesses, 652 and 101 draws, 252 a losses (63 per cent). Petrosian, 12 tournaments, 226 games, 77 wins, 126 draws, 23 losses (62 per cent).

My appetite is whered. I must bring my own statistics up to date. The same number of "64" contains a selection of games from an international tournament at Manila. I give an interesting game in which the Argentine grandmaster Quin-teros, who will be seen in action at Hastings this year, succumbs quite suddenly.

takes such a liberal view. Here

there will always be that puritan streak that says: "If they want it, let 'em buy it." Such a view

of course, ignores the arts as a

social and as a national resource. It is yahooism. But

Recession and inflation have a very special implication for

the arts. You can do some-thing great for five dollars, but quite possibly you could have done something even greater for ten. And there are some artistic products that, if you

want them, you cannot chear

on. I mean just how cheaply can you do Wagner's Ring? Also in an inflationary spiral

-which seems more and more

like Dante's circles of hell-

the income for the performing

arts goes down at the very time the costs are going up. People

in a declining economy make

cuts first in luxuries, and no one in recorded history has ever

starved through missing a per-

formance of Hamlet or Rigo-letto. And mention of Rigoletto

brings me to the Metropolitan

Opera House—which at the moment is the sick man of the

American arts scene. It does not appear to be able to pay its

the yahoos are everywhere.

White: M. Quinteros. Black: L. Ljubojevic; QP Queen's Indian Defence. 1 P-04 Kt-KB3 5 B-Kt2 B-Kt2 2 P-084 P-K3 6 0-0 B-K2 5 P-KK13 P-84 7 Kt-B3 PxP 4 Kt-KB3 P-0Kt3

Best; otherwise White gains an advantage in the centre by

Or 8. KtxP, BxB; 9. KxB, Kt ther aspect of lengthy B3 or Q-B1 with a good game for Black.

> 8 R-01 P-03 15 KxB R-Kt1 10 P-Kt3 OK1-02 14 P-0R4 11 B-Kt2 P-0R3 A weakening move; better was 14. P-K4.

14 ... Q-B2 18 Q-K3 B-R3 15 QR-B1 K1-B1 19 R-B2 Q-K12 16 P-K4 KK-Q1 20 R-QR1 17 P-B3 KI-K1 Not at once 20. P-QKt4, on account of 20 . . . , BxKt; 21.

21 P-QK14 QR-B1 22 Kt-K2 P-QK14 20 . . . Kt-Q2 A strong move; White's Q side is vulnerable to attack owing to the loose nature of his

pawn structure there. 25 BxB Kt(K1)xB 26 P-B5 24 RPAP PxP 37 PxP 25 R-QKr1 Kt-K4 28 Q-B4 Or 28. Q-B2, RxKt; 29. RxR KtxKP; 30. PxKt, QxP ch; followed by QxR.

White resigns. He loses the Queen after 29. Q-Kt5, P-R3.

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Saving the Metropolitan



Anthony Bliss : the show must go on.

specifically placed over the general manager, Schuyler Chapin. In the past the general manager, and Mr Chapin's immediate predecessors were the late Goeran Gentele and Sir Rudolph Bing, has always been

the top paid executive.

The 61-year-old Mr Bliss, who is by profession a lawyer, was for many years president of the Metropolitan board, as was his father before him. More recently he has headed the fantastically successful board of the Joffrey Ballet, generally regar-America as the model of fiscally secure arts management. Now Mr Joffrey's loss is to be the Mer's gain. (Although in fairness, what Bliss has created for the Joffrey company—and he is remaining as its nominal board head—cannot be destroyed. He has fine people to take over.) But what Mr. Bliss will have to do with the Met will be fascinaring. He says: "I've been given the

bills at the rate at which it mandate to save the house" feels its bills need to be paid This is the absolute truth. Howfor it to continue as an artistic ever, a word-or even a sentence or a paragraph-must be On November 21 something put in favour of Mr Chapin. He quite sensational happened. At a board meeting of the Met, was the stand-in after Gentele's tragic death, but he does seem Anthony Bliss was appointed to have followed Gentele's view Harry Golombek executive director, a new post of artistic planning.

Sir Rudolph was the compleat autocrat. Probably even his best friends would hesitate to call him musically sophisticated

—he was no David Webster,
John Tooley or George Harewood—but he did get things done, and he was magnificent at public relations and fund-raising. However, Mr Chapin, the now much-maligned Schuyler, has in fact a better Metropolitan programme this season than, defensibly ever before. The man is trying to coax the Met into the twentieth century. It seems least one hears it on all sides
—that his control of the nuts

Bliss, by the way, is even cleverer. He is precisely the sort of man that makes you wonder why he never went into politics, and by the time you have answered that question you are right back with the recession

and bolts of administration is

not strong. Certainly be does not have the unaffected PR

image of Bing. Bing is a man

one is always happy to be left with at a cocktail party. He has a mind like an interestingly

Bliss should be a very good thing with the Met, and might work well with Chapin. He is our best bet for the survival of our major opera house. A few days before he unexpectedly accepted the job (it was unexpected for him as well) I was having lunch with Bliss, and, while talking about this and that, he offered his opinion that "For the Met it is either live minutes to midnight or five minutes to midnight or five minutes past, and no one can tell which". It was a remark not made for the record, and I hope I am not breaking a friend's confidence, but it now seems extraordinarily relevant. Hopefully Bliss, with his canni-ness and sensibility, might be able to put that clock back. But he will need financial

support.

I am very concerned with the image the National Theatre is offering to America. It appears to be entering into financial arrangements with American managements that make the maximum use of the National Theatre name and yet the minimum use of its expertise. It looks as though the National Theatre in the National National Theatre in the National Theatre is not taking America seriously and is selling its reputation very cheap for what it must think is an easy buck. Well, it isn't. In quick succession New York has had two productions damaging to the reputation of the National Theatre.

Theatre.

I understand that we are going to have John Dexter's staging of The Misanthrope. with Diana Rigg and Alec McCowen (and a complete National company apart from Michael Aldredge who, of course, could have appeared there if ever he had asked) and this will be very welcome. If, after the two present disasters, it is now still viable.

The National Theatre seems to be selling its productions as if they were some kind of franchise, like MacDonald's hamburgers or Kentucky Fried Chicken. It lends its name to support Franco Zefferelli's all-American production of Saturday, Sunday, Monday, which died very swiftly, and then it perpetuates a sub-standard version of Clifford Williams's production of the all-male As You Libalt Like It. This was not at all good for

the reputation of the National Theatre, or for that matter British acting. Only one person in the cast, so fer as I could tell, had ever actually appeared with the National Theatre. Perhaps some of the others—on the pattern of Michael Aldredge— "could have done" but they certainly hadn't.

These two plays, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and As You Like It. are the first plays to be offered in New York be offered in New York attached to the National Theatre label. Total disaster. The Royal Shakespeare Com-pany orders things differently. At least it does in America.

The Times ghost story competition

The closing date for The Times/Jonthan Cape Ghost Story Competition is January 10. The judges will be Kingsley Amis, Patricia Highsmith and Christopher Lee, with John Higgins of The Times and Tom Maschler from Jonathan Cape.

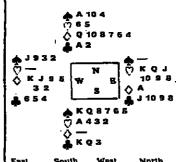
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Bridge **Animal ruses**

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The mixture of humans and animals who constitute the Griffin's Club are normal players with their imperfections magnified—the Hideous Hog who rarely has a losing session and personifies the Gloating Winner, the Secretary Bird who knows all the laws but little about card play, the Toucan who can only count points, Papa the Greek with his unlucky expertise together with others who, like the Hog, mostly others who, lik sit and sneer.

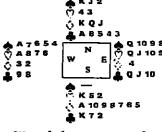
The character who invites our sympathy is the Rueful Rabbit; sympathy is the Rueril Rabbit; he is almost too silly to be true, yet every mistake he seems to make rebounds to his advantage. He knows and quotes technical terms, giving a neat twist to them: "I see it quite clearly; I recrified the count by losing rectified the count by losing a winner." Here you see him as South, at the wheel, with Papa on his left, after the Hog has



West led the �9, and the Rueful Rabbit could count only 11 tricks even with a heart ruff, but he knew that when he was short of a trick things could be put right by first losing a trick to rectify the count. So, after ruffing the lead, entering dummy with the AA, ruffing a second diamond and cashing the &K &Q on which he dis-carded a heart, he played a

small heart from his VA. Papa partner's trick and lead a trump, so he became entangled in an inextricable squeeze which you will be amused to unravel. How often do we feel like the Hog who says: "Let me pick my opponents and you can saddle me with any partner you like." Is it likely that both de-"No bid is truly bad if it provokes a defence that is even worse?"

A masterly piece of play which he accidentally learned from the Hog enables the Rab-bit to make five diamonds in the next deal.



West led a trump and presented the Rabbit with an awkward problem. There is the temptation to duck a round of clubs, but East wins and leads a heart holding declarer to 10 tricks. The answer is so obvious when it is explained that every not see it immediately.

Declarer must keep East from the lead, so he plays for him to have either the A of Q but not both. After winning the diamond in dummy he plays the AK and, when it is not covered, discards one of his small clubs. West can do no better than win with the A and play his last trump. South can now establish dummy's long clubs for Two Heart discards, with the trump as a card of re-entry. The Rabbit found the perfect example of loser on

The unkindest cut of all is reserved for the last deal when the Hog doubles seven spades with A J 9 7 5 3 2 Q 7 6 \$ 6 5 4 A A and fails to

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BBC 1

9.00 am, Fingerbobs. 9.15, Josie. 9.35, Tom Sawyer. 10.00, Reportage. 10.25, Kontakte. 10.50, The Virginian. 12.00, Tom and Jerry. 12.10 pm, Weather. 12.15, Grandstand: 12.20, Football Focus; 12.45, 1.15, 1.50, 2.20, Racing from Ascot; 12.55, Boxing: British Bantamweight Champlooship. Dave Needham v Puddy Maguire; 1.35, Rugby League: Top Try Competition; 2.40, 3.30, Rugby League: Wigan v Widnes; 2.55, International Cross Country from Gateshead; 4.05, International Baskethall: England Select v American All Stars; 4.45, Final Score. 5.10, Star Trek. 5.35 News. 5.50 Bruce Forsyth and The

News. Bruce Forsyth and The Generation Game.

Film: An Elephant Called
Slowly (1970), with Virginia McKenna, Bill ginia Travers.

Dick Emery. The Sound of Petula. Kojak. Match of the Day. Parkinson, with Henry Mancini, Dickie Henderson.

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Westward 9.15 am. ATV. 5.40. Sesance Street. 10.40. Salaper. 11.05. Tarson: Ultimate Wespon. 11.55. Gus Honeybun. 11.58. 15. 12.30 am. London. 5.20. Cardion. 5.30. New Faces. 6.30. Candid Camera. 7.00. Sale of the Century. 7.30. Film: Follow That Dream, with Elvis Presey. 9.30. ATV. 11.30. Drive-in. 11.55. Faith for Life.

9.05 am. London. 10.00. Arthur. 10.35, The Beachcombers, 10.50. Cartoon. 11.05, Lassie, 11.30. The London. 12.00. The London. 5.15, Cartoon. 12.30 pm. London. 5.15, Cartoon. 5.30, Candid Camera 6.00. New Faces. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30. Filmt. Loyt Flight. with Lloyd Gridons. Arthur Francis. Ralph Mecker. 9.30. ATV 10.45, The FEI. 1.40-12.40 am. Jane Ceopor—Hermit Girl.

10.45 am, Milton the Manster. 11.05.
Tarz -: Eyes of the Lion. 12.00. The
Geordie Scene. 12.30 am, London.
5.15. Cartoon. 5.25, Border Sports
Graults. 5.30. New Fares. 6.30. Candid
Camera. 7.00. Sale of the Century.
7.30. The Magician. 8.30. London.
9.45. Film: Funeral in Berlan. with
Michael Caine. Eva Perax. 11.35-12.00.

BBC 2

Action, Design and Industries
Association. 2.00, Film: Samson
and Delilah (1951), with Victor Mature, Hedy Lamarr. 4.00, Play Away. 4.30, Lancer. 5.20, Man Alive: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. 6.10, Westminster. 6.40, Test Cricket from Australia.* 7.10,

7.25 Rugby: Area Trial North v Midlands. 8.10 The Early Life of Stephen 9.00 Backstage with Sir John 9.10 2nd House, including The Juniper Tree. Rosenquist, Memorial and 10.10 Cole.

10.40 Face the Music. 11.15 News. 11.20 Network: Down and Out (BBC Wales).

11.50-1.25 am Film: The Mortal Storm (1940), with Margaret Sullivan, James Stewart.* * Black and white.

Grampian

19.00 am, Filin' Green Grass of Wyoming, with Peggy Cummins, Charles 1.05um; 11.30, 2com; 12.30 pm, London, 5.15, Cartoon, 5.30, New Faces, 5.30, Candré Camera, 7.00, Dusty's Irail, 7.30, Stx Millie Dollar Man, 8.30, London, 9.45 lim The Split, with Jim Brown, Ernest Borgaine, General Marchael, Bonaid Staterland, 11.20, The Old Couple, 11.30, Prayers, 9.30, New 19.30, New

Tyne Tees

9.05 am, in Tune. 9.35. London. 10.00, Primus. 10.25. Capiain Scarlet. 10.50, Caricon. 11.05. Lassle. 11.30, The Lone Edyscr. 12.00, 45. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15. Cartoon. 5.30, Candid Camera. 6.00, New Faces. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30. Film: Lost Flight. With Llovd Bridges. Anne Frencis. 9.45. The Best of Baxter: Tonight's show brings together the bost from previous shows. 10.30, News. 10.45. The FEI. 11.40, Jane Cooper—Hermit Cirl. 12.40 am Reading.

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6.30 ani News, 6.32, Farming, 6.50. Outlook, 6.55, Weather, 7.00. Nows, 7.10. On Your Farm, 7.40. Today Fapers, 7.45, Outlook, 7.50, Trave News, 7.55, Weather, 8.00. Nows, 8.30. Sportadeak, 8.40. Today's Papers, 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament, 8.55. Conservative Parry political Broadcast, 7.00. News, 9.05. From Our Own Own Westing News, 9.30. The Week in Westin'inster, 10.00. News, 10.62, The Week of the Westin'inster, 10.01, News, 10.62, The Week of the Westin'inster, 10.05, Service, 10.30. Pick of the West, 11.30, Science Now, 12.00 pm. You and Yours, 12.27, Tap of the Form, 12.55, Westing News

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Polylemma

9.00 am, Gardening. 9.25, All in a Day's Work. 9.45, Saturday Scene. 9.50, Batman. 10.20, London Bridge. 10.50, Junior Police Five. 11.05, Tarzan: Tiger, Tiger. 12.00, 45. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Sports Special, part 1. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven: 1.30, Nottingham; 2.15, Catterick; 2.30, Nottingham; 2.15, Catterick; 2.30, Nottingham; 2.45, Catterick; 3.00, Nottingham. 3.10. Sports Special, part 2: World the disappearance of one it should be all things to all Afternoon Theatre.

policy appears to have succeeded; criteria of "too much" cloud the fact that 10 per cent is little more than a gesture tocan find more money some- per where. There is, of course, only one "somewhere": you and me via the licence fee.

Radio is in a curious position here since in a manner of speaking there is no fee—it's too awkward to collect to be worthwhile. One has then to look at the viewer's £7.00 or £12.00 in relation to broadcasting as a whole. In my view radio on its own is worth a fiver any day, while taken overall the money we are asked to pay for what we get is perfectly derisory. Work it out: £12.00 would buy you rather poor seats for one at -if you were careful-twelve events, yet we see nothing extraordinary in the fact that for such a modest sum we should he fed entertainment and information in colour. VHP and stereo 365 days a year. Other European countries value services which are certainly no better at a good deal more.

Perhaps if we paid more we should hold what we receive in greater esteem: what you get for little or nothing, you may cent amputation, we simply take to *be* little or nothing and the statement that the best things in life are free needs careful consideration. Certainly it has become a national habir to deride or to condemn the products of broadcasting, frequently on somewhat sketchy grounds, I find it particularly sad that several columns of this paper should have been devoted, to the consequences of Ronald Butt's single flu-laden encounter with Radio London's Call Innot because I do not share Mr Butt's aversion to instant advice on such topics as incest, but non-stop phone-in. because the size of the response I (and two feature articles in the

Radio

The first impression of the 10 leading national daily is a very per cent cut announced for marked response indeed) is out broadcasting is that on radio it of proportion to the offence. will not be too severely felt— That the BBC is always not by listeners in general and offending somebody or other even less by this listener in par- might be called the polylemma ticular, whose chief regret is of broadcasting : for our pitiable that the Saturday amalgamation donation we expect of it, in of Radios 3 and 4 will mean addition to everything else, that

men and preferably all of the time. It has gone to lengths to One can argue that there is meet this demand which must already a surfeir of sound have the Old Laird spinning in broadcasting and a little trim- his grave and the result is ming won't come amiss, but it's apparent in much of what we not an argument that finds many hearers—jobs are at stake, back to us our own requirethe policy for years has been ments-nor complete, not those one of more and more and pro-fessionals point across the but a kind of composite national Atlantic where, they say, that self-portrait with several touches of caricature. Some of it is flattering and we approve ceeded; criteria of "too much" of it; some the very opposite are highly subjective anyway, and then we take offence. In More important, such arguments doing this we appear utterly to and the feeling that we have overlook the possibility that if been let off lightly may serve to cloud the fact that 10 per cent maybe that's because a sufficiently large number of us actually asked it to do so-if only by ward staving off the vast deficit default. And also, conceivably, which faces the BBC unless it that in some respects we are as description of goods: offensive. If this is so, then there is

little use in asking-as Mr Butt did—whether the purposes of a phone-in where people talk of incest are "real advice or incest are "real advice or prurience" because the question is incomplete. An incomplete answer would be "Both", but programmes like Call In. like You Think You've Got Problems exist not just as purposes of broadcasters but as mirrors of a society in which, among other shortcomings, people can be found to discuss their most intimate problems in the hear-ing of millions and millions can be found to listen or look. What does that tell you? That the society is short of alternatives? High on desperation? That its members are voyeurs, sympa-thizers, exhibitionists, trying to do good, too fond by half of telling other people how to run more.

My point is that we really ought not to curse the ills of broadcasting without looking elsewhere and it would-to put it mildly—be shortsighted if in pursuance of that habit and because we have been lulled by the painlessness of a 10 per allowed our rulers (who have their own habitual suspicions of them) to let radio and tele vision shrink. For the baby will go out with the bathwater: broadcasting, trivial, tasteless and abominably boring in so many ways, is at the same time incomparably different and remarkable, but if for want of funds the hatchets really start to swing, I have a premonition that what survives will be judged chiefly by economy and audience demand—the very variably disastrous, have produced the worst of which radio is capable. That way lies the

David Wade 12.00.

Sunday

You must not, of course, miss David Copperfield (BBC1 5.10). And village preparing for Christmas is utter joy (BBC1 6.15). But there otters, too (BBC2 7.25) as well as Test cricket (BBC2 5.45) and Mc (BBC2 8.45) while the repeated Country Matters play about beauties is itself a peach (ITV 10.30).—L.B.

BBC 1 9.00-9.30 am, Nai Zindagi Naya jeevan. 11.00-11.30, Seeing and Believing. 12.50 pm, Farming. 1.15, Made in Britain. 1.25, News Head-lines. 1.30, A Christmas Card from Wales. 2.00, Ragtime. 2.15, Film: The Best Years of Our Lives (1946), with Myrna Loy, Fredric March, Dana Andrews, Teresa Wright, Hoggy Carmichael, Vir-ginia Mayo, Harold Russell.* 5.00, Tom and Jerry. 5.10, David Cop-

perfield. 6.05 News. 6.15 Away in a Village.
6.50 Appeal, Inskip St Giles
Housing Association. Songs of Praise.
Film: Far from the Madding Crowd (1967), with Julie Christie, Terence Stamp. Peter Finch, Alan Bates.* 6.55 18.05. News Omnibus. Chataway with the Decision-Makers: Jack Jones, General Secretary,

11.35 Weather.

Anglia Yorkshire 10.00 am, London, 11.30, ATV, 12.00, London, 1.10, Farming, 1.40, Calendar Sunday, 2.10, Football Special, 3.05, Griff, 4.00, London, 8.20, Film; Barbara Eden and Robert Vaughn in The Woman Hunter, 9.45-12.00, London,

11.00 am, Open Day, 11.30, ATV, 12.00, London, 1.10 pm, Ui-U, 2.00, London, 3.00, Taran, 4.00, London, 8.20, Sports Results, 8.23, Film: Three's 4 Crowd, with Larry Hagman, E. J. Peaker, Jessica Waller, 8.45-12.00. London,

BBC 2

12.40-1.05 p.m. Open University:* EEC-The Impact of the Court. Christmas Carol Service 3.15, Westminster. 3.45, Money Programme: The Post Office, 4.30. Book Programme. 4.55. Horizon: Lumbered . . . with Backache! 1.10 pm, Cartoons. 1.25, 5.45, Test Cricket from Australia.*

6.15 News Review. 6.45 The New Beginning. 6.55 More Ways Than One. 7.25 The World About Us: Otter.

8.15 A Day with Dana. 8.45 Daniel Barenboim English chestra: Mozart, Schubert. 9.45 Notorious Woman, part 7: Resolution.

10.40 The End of the Pier Show. 11.05 News. 11.10 Open Door: Gingerbread, 10.15 News. self-help association of one 10.30 Country Matters. parent families. 11.55-12.60, Frank Windsor reads

Innocent's Song, by Charles

Grampian 11.05 am. Table Tennis. 11.25. Play Guitar. 12.00, London. 1.10. Farming. 1.40. Scotsport. 3.70. Dangernian. 4.00, London. 6.15. Advent. 6.35. London. 6.20, Film Scream Pettly Peggy. with Red Bessell. Belle Davis. 3.45. London. 12.00, Prayors.

Tyne Tees 9.35 am, Yoga for Health. 10.00. London. 11.30, Walt Till Your Father Gels Honse. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Farmins. 1.40, Ski-ing with Gina. 2.05. Where the Jobs are 2.10. Shobit. 3.05. Jason Kins. 4.00. London. 8.20, Film: The Woman Huniar, With Barbara Edn. Robert Vaughn. 8.45, London. 12.00, Epilogue.

Scottish

11.00 am. Table. Tennis. 11.30, Play Guitar. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Farming. 1.40, Scotsport. 3.10, Gien Michael Cavalcade. 4.00, London. 5.20, Without a Song. 5.35. The Amazing Chan. 8.05. London. 6.35. Together in Faith. 7.00, London. 7.25, Sale of the Century 7.55, Adam. 2. 8.20, McCleod. 9.45, London. 12.00, Late Call.

6.30 am. Cricket: Second Test. 8.00, News. 8.05, Mozart and Handel. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: with James Galway, 10.30, Music Weekly. 11.15. The Ring from Bayrouth: Stegfried, Act 1.1 Bayrouth: Stepfried, Act 1.?

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4.50. Roith Lectures 1974: The New Liberty by Raif Dohrondorf, April 5: The Improving Society, 5.30. Thurston Dart Tornkins and Gibbons. 5.45.

Play: King Lear, by William Shakespoars, with Airc Compress 7.378

Cusack, Ronald Pickup, Jill Bennett,

2.00, The Big Match. 3.0 Persuaders. 4.00, The Golde 4.50, Black Arrow. 5.20, Ac. Another Opening, Another ! 6.05 News. 6.15 They Came to an Isla 6.35 Women of the Bible. 7.00 Stars on Sunday.

London Weekend

Bethlehem Church, Splott,

11.00. Open Day. 11.30

Osmonds. 12.00, Weekend

Chamber Or- 7.25 Planet of the Apes. 8.20 Film. The Failing (mond, with Jane \ Dean Stockwell,

Andrews. 9.45 No-Honestly.

11.30 Cinema. 12.00 Police Surgeon. 12.30 Learning to Live.

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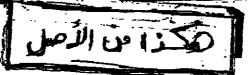
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Elleen Atkins, Sarah Badel, Rodway, 9.00, Laure, 9: Symphony Orchosira Hans-Er, let, Mozari, Hindomith, 1/1, Charice, Sulnks, Bach Stantiel, 1.30, News, 11.35-12, Sounds Interesting.

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7.15 am. Anna HI Ghar S.
7.45, Belix. 7.50, Reading Weather 8.00, News. 8.20, 8.20, 8.20, 9.00, News. 8.20, 9.00, News. 9.05, Sunday 9.15, Letter from America. Archers. 10.30, Service from Parish Giurch. Cuttingham. 11.10, Appeal, SI Martin-Christmas Fund. 11.15, Molithe Motorist, 11.45, From 12.55, Weather. 12.55, Weather. 12.55, Weather,

1.00. The World This Weeker Gardeners' Ouestion Time. 2.2 The Last of the Incas. 4.0 d.02. Friking Mount 5.00. I See Living World 5.00. I See Living World 5.00. I See Living World 5.00. News. 6.15. If you This Cork's Hulf-hour. 7.30. Servic Martin-in-the-heids. London Bertios. Martins. Econdes News. 9.03. For from the Crowd 9.58. Weather, 10.0. 10.15. Plain Tajes from the Repitopue. 11.15-11.36. News. 11.48. Inshore Walers Forecas. SEC Radio London, local ent London Broadcasting, 21-hour Information station, 97 5 Val-Capital Radio, 21-hour total (Calures station, 98.8 Val.)



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ROYAL ALBERT HALL John Tydeman: Lear for the ear

BBC radio drama producers tend not to be the most pub-licity-conscious of men; indeed, were you to ask all but the most were you to ask all but the most addicted of listeners for the names of some, the chances are they'd have difficulty coming up with more than two and they'd probably both be Martin Esslin. Yet there are others, and among them one of the two most often tipped within Broadcasting. House green ally to casting House eventually to replace Esslin as head of radio drama is John Tydeman, who tomorrow night completes his quartet of the major Shake-spearian tragedies with King Lear which, with Alec Gniness in the title role, can be heard on Radio Three.

But Tydeman reckons that although as allowing a discrete he

although as a director he may be less publicly known than contemporaries within the Royal Shakespeare or national companies, the compensations of radio are considerable: "Where else would I have been able to do major productions of the do major productions of the four great Shakespearian trage-dies with comparable casts?" Indeed the casting at Broad-casting House, given that each production takes only eight or production takes only eight or nine days of an actor's time, must give pause even to the National: for King Lear, in addition to Sir Alec, Tydeman has Sarah Badel, Jill Bennett and Elleen Atkins as bis daughters, Cyril Cusack as Gloucester and Ronald Pickup as the Fool. Pickup was also as the Fool. Pickup was also Tydeman's Hamler; for Othello he had Paul Scofield with Nicol Williamson as Iago, and for Macbeth he had Scofield again, this time with Peggy Ashcroft and Alec McCowen and Alec McCowen.

Tydeman, who is now 38, has been in radio drama for virtually the whole of his career; after a Cambridge undergraduate start as a director and actor with the Marlowe Society in the years of Ian McKellen and Corin Redgrave he applied for a BBC General Traineeship and

got one. "It was that or the Foreign Office as far as my parents were concerned, and thank God it turned out to be that. I knew I wanted to direct while I was still a student—I went to Paris one vacation and saw lonesco's The Bald Prima Donna there; not knowing it had already been translated into English I sweated out an adapta-English I sweated out an adaptation of my own and we did it at Cambridge, followed by another Ionesco, Victims of Duty, which Tynan came to see and luckily liked. Then I did a musical version of Love's Labour's Lost, updated to the Gilbert and Sullivan period and written by John Fortune and John Wells. Sixteen songs, it had, and we staged it in five it had, and we staged it in five days; it worked all right in Cambridge but then we were offered the Lyric Hammersmith

Royal Ballet Covent Garden

John Percival

Three ballets by Frederick Ashton at Covent Garden on Thurs-day demonstrated the old master's range. I suppose one could argue that Enigma Variations is the most skilful of them, because of the way he has con-cealed the unsuitability of the score and subject that were wished upon him. Julia Tre-velyan Oman's distractingly elaborate setting and costumes, too, dictate a realism not conducive to ballet.

Ashton had to pretend to tell a story while actually doing little more than parade a series of characters or caricatures briefly before us. Some of the dances he invented for them are so astonishingly imaginative that we suspend disbelief. Alexander Grant's tumultuous entry, the brusque vigour of Anthony Dowell, Georgina Parkinson's graciousness and Antoinette Sibley's delicate capriciousness are all delightful.

The craftsmanship of the choreography is such that even the dull bits, like Elgar bum-bling around looking depressed or inspired (played with a convincingly pompous earnestness by Derek Rencher), are bearable. But what a relief to turn to a ballet like Monotones where Ashton was doing what

Michael Coleman, Laura Connor and Georgina

dance the white trio, to Satie's Trois Gymnopédies, with even more elegant line and feeling than they did when it was first shown at a gala nearly 10 years ago. David Ashmole complements them admirably.

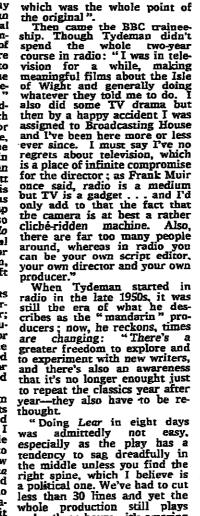
How ironic to think that it was meant as an occasional piece for one performance only, and that when its success dic-tated retention, the other trio to the Trois Gnossiennes was added only because the work was otherwise too short to fit comfortably in programmes. It is fashionable to suggest that the addition is less inspired, but I find its different qualities equally rewarding.

Where the lines of the white trio aspire constantly upwards, the other is built on horizontal lines. Georgina Parkinson bas been in it from the first; Michael Coleman and Laura Conpor match her in musical exactness of phrasing and crisp movement. Ashton's own simple costumes (green for the Gnossiennes) suit the work beautifully.

Daphnis and Chloë is on a more heroic scale. This time the plot is coherent and apt for dancing. The solos are some of the most expressive Ashton ever made, and the last festive dance for a large company is one of the most exhibitarating finales ever written.

Anthony Dowell (a busy night for him) makes an ideal Daphnis, handsomely eloquent where Ashton was doing what he does uniquely well, creating dances with no purpose other than pure, simple beauty.

This revival had half the original cast, supplemented by some art replacements. Vyvyan Lorrayne and Anthony Dowell papers, nandsomely eloquent, and openins, nandsomely eloquent, and openins, nandsomely eloquent, and openins, nandsomely eloquent, and somely eloquent, and



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whole production still plays under three hours—it's amazing how much faster you can move in radio without losing any-

Not that it has all been the classics for Tydeman: "I did three months on Mrs Dale's Diary once, and in television I also did The Newcomers for a while.

"The other thing a radio Cambridge but then we were producer must do is to make it offered the Lyric Hammersmith fun to be in one of his producand we re-rehearsed it and tions—after all, it's not as managed to lose the spontaneity though the money is all that

good. But there is an awful shortage of fun around at the moment—look at the National or the RSC: no fun at all. I'm sure an audience can feel that, especially at present." The other great attraction of

radio is that not all plays need be the full two hours' traffic; writers like Stoppard, Mercer, even Ratrigan are availing themselves of its more flexible timings, and now that tapes can be sold all over Europe the money is no longer so derisory. But does Tydeman ever see himself drifting back towards r.elevision ? "Not really; it all happened so fast, the development of the medium, that TV has never had

medium, that TV has never had a chance to look at itself and ask what it can do best. As a result, all the good TV drama is in fact on film, like Bergman's The Lie or the work of Ken Loach and Tony Garnett. The only time TV drama ever really established itself in its own right was in itself in its own right was in Talking to a Stranger. But Tydeman is leaving radio (albeit temporarily) next month

when he goes to the Royal Court to direct a play with Anna Calder-Marshall and Rosemary McHale; called Objections to Sex and Violence it will be his first stage production, though he did do a Sunday night production there Sunday night production there earlier this year: "It's a play about the making of an anarchist, which I suppose anarchist, which I suppose could hardly be more topical, though Caryl Churchill wrote it nearly a year ago. After that, I go back to radio though I suppose if the Court works one should try to do some more stage plays."

Tydeman is clearly a radio man first and foremost; he does however have doubts about press attitudes to his chosen medium:

"It really is ridiculous that if you do a new play on Radio 3 for maybe a hundred thousand Isteners you'll get less attention in the press than if you stage a new play at the Court Upstairs or the Open Space for a few hundred people. It doesn't matter much to me as a director, but it does matter terribly to a new writer who needs the encouragement of needs the encouragement of serious criticism whether favourable or not.

"In the end, though, radio can be marvellously self-contained: without the distractions of costume or scenery you can

of costume or scenery you can really wade about in the entrails of the beast, and the mind's eye can supply it all—sepecially for Shakespeare where there are those tremendous descriptive passages. Mind you, you just can't hear King Lear-you actually have to listen to it, and that again is one of the marvels of radio... it rules out passivity".

Victorian extravaganza

Land of the Dinosaurs Theatre Workshop

Irving Wardle

The leader of Ken Hill's matinée expedition up the Amazon is a mild little scientist called Dr Pertwee, and his lost world gets full film coverage including a death duel between a tyrannosaurus rex and a triceratops. Here the concessions to television end; and the pro-duction sticks to the usual Theatre Workshop form of conscious anachronism, never budb-ing outside the conventions of Victorian extravaganza, and amusedly regarding itself as a bit of a dinosaur.

It is a world of villainous funfair proprietors and triggerhappy lords, where the neighbourhood bobby tags along with the expedition, and the explorer's family follow him from Gidea Park into the unknown clad in chiffon dresses and twentier beachings. and twenties beachwear.

Dinner in the rain forest, of course, is a formal occasion for which the men go into dickies and black ties to the accom-paniment of an Ambrose-like number ("Always look your very best") from an immacu-lately suited vocalist unperturbed by passing pterodactyls. When things are going well there is plenty of light; the stage darkens when danger looms. You know just where vou are.

Larry Dann as the doctor and Geoffrey Freshwater as the beastly baronet lead a capable, quick-changing company. But the real strength of the produc-tion lies in its staging, which creates excitement without the smallest reliance on illusion.

The party arrive at a chasm and have to swing across on a rope; one is terrified and gets stranded in the middle. It all happens on a bare stage against the back projection of a childish drawing, but that only heightens the suspense. Paddling down the Amazon

they are pursued by Indians. Enter one Indian briskly marking time with a raised spear while the projected squiggles speed up, indicating landscape flashing past. The show is full of such tricks, and they work beautifully.

Ian Armit, impassively slumped over his upright, assists every turn of the narrative with the hair-trigger timing of a silent-film virtuoso, and occasional drum-rolls to mark falling rocks. Under its ramshackle appearance, this is a very skil-ful piece of work and it had Sheridan Morley | yesterday's audience roaring.

come out of the mouth the per-

formance is much the same, for

instance, as the one that fitted so superbly the petty crook in HTV's Thick as Thicres. Excel-

lent though it is at a first viewing, it remains a petty character,

Nor is Mr Rossiter m

helped by his author. Eric Chap-

pell has given us delicious fun on television before now, but

having taken a large bite already

at this particular comedy he must now chew over slapstick

stuff, while his racial humour,

lacking the sheer preposterous-ness that Johnny Speight would

have given it, is merely tedious. Frances de la Tour comes

from haunts of coot and hern

to bring a Thurberesque touch

to the lady. Don Warrington is nicely ironic as the Negro and

Richard Beckinsale baits his

landlord as best he can. But the

whole thing turns on the ever-

appearing, ever-yapping Rigsby. So beware. Up to a point he may well delight you. But then

he will bind you rigid.

Rising Damp Yorkshire

Leonard Buckley

Well, there was certainly a scarcely large enough to sustain seeping wemess about this pro- a series. For the pettiness palls. gramme last night. But what What was comic turns ridiculous. else can one say about this situa-tion comedy now squeezed out Nor is Mr Rossiter n into a series? helped by his author. Eric C Those who saw on stage The

Banana Box of Eric Chappell, from which it is developed, or who watched the television try-out earlier in the year, will know the situation. Rigsby, a seedy landlord, all wind and prejudice, dotes on his lady tenant. He has two others as well, both male and one of them a Negro on whom the lady dotes. The interplay of the four makes the fun. A comparison is obvious and

inevitable. Rigsby is a fourth-division Alf Garnett. That is mainly Leonard Rossiter's doing. He has the part. This, however, is not an actor who distinguishes firmly, as Warren Mitchell does, between a serious character and comedy. Save for the words that

NPO/Masur Festival Hall/Radio 3

Stephen Walsh

the Festival Hall played host on Thursday to a late concerto by Bartók. This time Yehudi Menuhin appeared as soloist in the Violin Concerto No 2, a work with which he has for years enjoyed a rather special association, and of which his conception has always struck me as particularly fine, ever since I first got to know it well from the earlier of his two recordings.

For the second time this week

In fact his mental and musical grasp of the piece is clearly as great as ever. The intense humanity of the music, and its marvellous synthesis of heart and intellect through a dazzling and intellect through a dazzling spectrum of ideas: these are evidently qualities close to Menuhin's heart, and they go far towards explaining why last night's performance still carried enormous authority, even though it was technically very patchy and showed many signs strings and a weakness of pulse whose source was not easy to trace. And Dvorák's New World symphony, though technically much neater, was made to sound quite perfunctory, as though its presence in so serious a concert was an act of grace, not justified by its

of under-rehearsal, not least on the last page, where (in the ending recomposed for the dedicatee Szekely) Menuhin finished a clear half bar after the orchestra.

The conductor, Kurt Masur, cannot be exoperated from blame for that, or for the general uncertainty of ensemble, though Menuhin's technical difficulties, which encouraged him to skate over passage work and adopt fake, ad hoc rubatos (notably here in the slow movement theme), must make accompanying him a somewhat nervous business-

To tell the truth, ensemble was shaky elsewhere in the concert, too. Prokofiev's Classical Symphony was shoddily played by the New Philharmonia, with ragged strings and a weakness of pulse where source was reconstructed.

The Fairy Queen at London Opera Centre

Sir Anthony Lewis is to conduct four performances of Purcell's The Fairy Queen to be sung by students of the London Opera Centre at the Centre's auditorium in Commercial Road, Stepney, on December 18, 19, 20 and 21. Sir Anthony, who is principal of the Royal Academy of Music, conducts his own ver-sion of Purcell's work which has been recorded but not had a London production until now.

The Fairy Queen was last given in London in 1946 when it was chosen to open Covent Garden after the war. A distinguished cast included Margaret Rawlings as Titania and Robert Helpman as Oberon with the dancing talents of Margot Fonteyn, Beryl Grey, Violetta Elvin, Michael Somes, John Field, Leslie Edwards and Alexander

Grant. Singers and actors in-cluded Constance Shacklock, Olive Dyer, Bruce Dargaval, Harcourt Williams and Michael Horden. Constant Lambert con ducted.

The original version in five acts must have lasted for many hours and the present version by Sir Anthony is considerably curtailed with a view to present-ing Purcell at his best while sacrificing a lot of seventeenthcentury doggerel.

Nearly 30 students of the Centre will have singing parts. The dances will be performed by the Ballet Rambert School. William Chappell will produce the work, and he has also designed the costumes and arranged the dances. David Myerscough Jones has designed

Sir Anthony will conduct the Academy of the BBC and the Europa Singers.

Travel

A sumptuous escape route

Some time ago Mr Michael J. a mouth-watering sentence from Goodkin took the trouble to the description of Windrush. study the villa renting scene, "In keeping with these sumptu paying particular attention to ous high standards, dine to soft the type of accommodation music from either radio or cas available to those who take sette recorder in the indoor such holidays abroad. It was a dining room (seating 8), enjoy purely personal investigation, cocktails in the walk-in bar for he is professionally involved (with running water and all bar in legal and financial affairs. accessories, including automatic What he saw, however, convinced him that a want needed to be filled.

unashamedly luxurious "Jamai- sliding grass doors), with its can Alternative"—a collection lovely lounge furniture, second of properties on that island now dining table, plus a picture post-heing offered to those who are card view of the sea, fresh-financially able to indulge their sybaritism. Mr Goodkin believes gardens and golf course." that not enough of the best was

available.
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The lowest price I could find for a holiday between now and the middle of April was £325 per person. That covers your return air fare and two weeks in one of the large villas (five or more bedrooms), but you have to travel as one of a group of 11 or 12 to qualify. The cost rises to £395 for

each of four persons staying in one of the independent villas featured in the brochure. As well as the return air fare and accommodation, it includes the cost of staff salaries, for the properties have their regular corps of retainers. It does not cover car rental (five-seater automatics at f62 per week) which is essential, nor the cost of food or gratuities.

on offer are at the exclusive Tryall Golf and Beach Club-54 villas on 3,000 acres, the average value of each being around £100,000. Each villa has its private swimming pool and gardens and in addition to golf gardens and in addition to golf the facilities include tennis, riding, and scuba diving, with yachts and fishing boats available for hire. The cost of a villa on the Tryall estate is higher than for one of the independent properties. Two weeks in winter for each of four people is between £460-£550, depending on the size of the chosen property.

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A comparison between the two companies would be pointless companies would be pointiess because the properties vary and the holidays are aimed at different types of traveller. However, the cost of a two week holiday for each of four people ranges from £251 to £287 in the Meon brochure. That includes the return flight, car hire with unlimited mileage, maid service. unlimited mileage, maid service, airport taxes and an initial supply of food. Automatic cars are an extra £8 per week. Mrs Jean Smith, who is in

charge of the Meon tours de-partment, told me that this was which is essential, nor the cost the first time the company had of food or gratuities.

A number of the properties Jamaica. The innovation was made because it is now possible for Meon to offer villa deals linked to scheduled flights and not have the headaches of char-tering aircraft.

Among the Meon apartments are some located at Sans Souci, a property I visited two years ago and about which I enthused on this very page. The air-con-ditioned apartments have been built around the terraces of a tropical rock garden at the sea's edge. It has two swimming pools with lifts to carry one down to the pool, terraces and

A considerable number of in-

A considerable number of inclusive holidays are now available to Jamaica from Britain, and the island has, if anything, an excess of hotel beds to be filled. Since my last visit development has begun along a stretch of coastline at Negril to the west of Montees Bay and to the west of Montego Bay and it will not be very long before this brand new resort sets out its attractions. At the moment the resorts of Montego Bay and the second sec Ocho Rios are the main holiday bases, with Port Antonio further along the north shore being physically and metaphorically a little away from the main stream. In time Negril will take its place in the holidaymaking scheme of things, leaving Port Antonio as a baven for those who want to get away from it all. If you have an opportunity, visit the cottage Goblin Hill hotel there.

Montego Bay is not my favourite resort, for I believe

it has lost a lot of its old style. None the less I have pleasant memories of Miranda Hill, and would recommend that hotel, as I would Round Hill, the Royal Caribbean and Half Moon hotels, some little way along the

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Golf in the sun

When we landed at Faro airport it was raining. Not the gentle Irish patter (that doesn't make you wet, they claim) or the steady, grey drizzle associated with the start of a holiday in Britain. This was ferocious stuff. like silver daggers, bouncing and flying up off the tarmac to soak you to the thighs even under a raincoat.

We had flown more than 1,000 miles to get away from this kind of weather. We were promised sunshine. "Might as well have stayed at home", grumbled one of the passengers. We paddled to the customs shed and the rain drummed rhythmically on the roof like something from one of those early American one of those early American
"B" pictures set in the steamier
parts of tropical Africa. I expected any moment to see a uni-formed Sidney Greenstreet appear as a customs officer. Instead we got a rather nice cotton gloves, who promptly confiscated, rightly, six bottles of whisky brought in by a greedy group of tourists, British,

But we need not have bothered about the rain. In 20 minutes the pools on the runway were steaming gently and inside the hour it had turned into a beautiful evening. The air was champague-like and there was a crispness about everything that made Britain

the Vale do Lobo course on the Portuguese Algarve. Everywhere you looked there were with courses to satisfy the most ardent and choosy. There is ample sun and at

For years I had been an climate ide unashamed golfing buff: no seventies—an course in Britain was too far entrancing. course in Britain was too far to travel, no place too obscure for me to try. But not any more. I had discovered golf abroad and nothing else would do. Golf in the sun had bitten deeply and, surprisingly, it was still fairly cheap. Playing the game in ideal conditions abroad twas, until recently, the prerogative of the reasonably well-off. In fact it is now too easy to arrange such a trip. The main thing is to book early and thus avoid disappointment, though you are spoilt for choice of where to go.

entracing.

Portugal generally suffers in comparison with Spain in matters of expansiveness, but the Algarve is a favourite spot of mine, and the Vale do Lobo course holds a particular place in my affections. It is long, more than 7,000 yards, and always gives you a chance, even off a long handicap. The prospect from any tee is magnificent—especially the seventh hole where vou play across three deep red gullies: the Atlantic washes the rocks 80 feet below. There is one drawre to go.

Of course you can take your-elf off to the airport, book self your flight, take a taxi and sign in at the hotel nearest the course of your choice. The better way is to study the back page of The Times or leaf through Golf World and make the choice suiting both time and pocket. Spain and Portugal are the

nearest Mediterranean countries offering first-class golf in superb conditions and surroundings. brochure can be used its problems seem further away than the 1,000 miles we had travelled.

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with courses to satisfy the most ardent and choosy.

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back, though. The walk be-tween greens and tees is long, so take advantage of the electric trolleys for hire. It is a splendid place to golf and you are assured of a friendly welcome from David Vansittart, the ebullient club secretary.

I stayed in a villa boasting five double bedrooms with baths and showers attached. There were two separate terraces and a swimming pool and along with the package came a maid to do the chores. You are expected to make your own break-fast and thereafter eat out or do your own catering from the local supermarket. A car is a must and one is included in

My ten-day trip, costing £125, Velha is already open and very included all the above plus cool. entrance fees to the tournament and sufficient food to take me through the first 36 hours. There is not much to do at sundown, though you will need the rest after 36 holes of Vale do Lobo. But there is the local discotheque, noisy and exhilar-acing. It is cheaper to drink gin

One ruins your game-the other your pocket. By next February, unfortu-nately, the prices will have risen but it is still a good buy and all relevant information can be obtained from Jim Long, the recently appointed director of golf at the Algarve Agency, which is running two pro ams in January and February.

and tonic than orange juice.

If you want a change of scene there are courses nearby. Penina is a stiff test of anyone's game and Villamoura is only a long iron from Vale do Lobo. There is also tennis, sailing and horse riding when the golf becomes too trying.

More courses are being built,

perhaps the most exclusive at Quinta do Lago, about three miles west of Faro in a heavily wooded part of the province. Set in 1,605 acres on an estate, it is the joy of a Brazilian deve-loper who has attracted some well-known names in their res-pective fields, Flory van Donck, the Belgian professional, will manage the golf; Colonel Harry Llewellyn will supervise the riding school and a famous French manager will run the club, hotels and restaurants: one of them the five-star Casa

produce; and Mr Haxworth has

put in charge of the kitchen

young men who— in a Guide inspector's words—"make the food taste loved". It certainly does not feel like starvation to

emerge on the far side of their split-pea soup, cheese and spinach bake, and damson crumble "with soft, chewy, out-mealy topping" and Loseley

cream. The best dishes, Mr

Haxworth suggests, are vege-tarian cottage pic (£1.10),

There is any number of places to visit for golfing holidays and the number of operators offer-ing facilities, and vying with one another with extras, is now legion. But perhaps the most but mine turned out to be-surprising advent of all is the assistant professional who golf cruise. Last year the P & O line dis-

covered a new untapped seam in the holiday mine. Its first cruise on the Oriana was in the nature of an experiment. But so well received was it that they decided to run two more this year. We sailed on the second which left Southampton on a fine evening last September. One drawback for the golfers was that there would be no real golf until we docked at Barce-lona five days later: though there was ample room to prac-tise under the expert eye of Ken Adwick, the associate professional at Woodlands GC in Kent.

The golf was managed by P & O's director of golf, Keith Mackie, who hoped that the company would promote more cruises of this kind. One of the Canberra's senior officers echoed this view, adding that the combination of cruising and golfing was splendid and an idea worth the company pursuing further. He was a golfing sailor naturally, but nevertheless his view was the right one, I believe.

After playing the San Cugat course in Barcelona we sailed to Palma, Majorca, to the Son Vida, which has the marvellous Racquets Club nearby. From

there we went to Malaga finally to the lovely ge wooded slopes of Estoril, Lisbon. It is a flattering cothough you must play wel

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my parmers. But to the ship itself, year P & O decided to rone-class operation. This to the taste of many who-the first-class fare and I assured by seasoned cru: that the standard of food

Service was not what it we But from the purely point of view it was well to the trip: a chance to see places and try previously tested but testing courses, company points out, for, benefit of golfing widows. there is plenty to a ashore, and even more afloat: you can simply catch up on all those books, or prepare for the j ing's revelry. It is plea that you can still indulge hobby while affoct. The go package holiday is DO sophisticated deal with mot offer than you could nort

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hands on. Outside a famous line of Marvell's, the word is use-less to poets, and in slang is 2

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character the superimposed layers of cultural history, from the Left Book Club nut-eaters the '30s to the wholefood PROPERTY TO LET

stock or Sir Donald Stokes a "big vegetable".

Fortunately, wherever any new popular need or mode

arrives in London, there is to

be found somewhere an avant-garde, or resident foreign com-

munity, that has been living in that style for years, and can be raided for ideas. This is cer-tainly true of vegetarian cook-

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can students of the '60s, both nowadays inspired by direct and

easy contact with oriental cui-

tures and religions which have taken vegetarianism as a matter

One of the most interesting such meeting-places is Richard Haxworth's Manna in a back-water off Regent's Park Road.

The kitchen is "fed" by Mr

Haxworth's organic farm in

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flour, voghourt, cream, curd cheese, fruit juices and vegetspinach and mushroom flan (95p), hiziki seaweed-andvegetable casserole (£1.20), and walnut, celery and apple salad THE TIMES DIRECTORY OF ESTATE AGENTS with curd cheese (£1); it is not the cheapest possible way to

Good Food Guide

Meals without meat

eat in London, but at £5 or so for two people's meals, one is not paying to excess for firstrate ingredients imaginatively treated. The restaurant is licensed, with red or white Macon at £1.30 a bottle and much less usually—Young's Old Nick barley wine and Aspall's organic cider. The vegetarian restaurant

scene is as mouvementé as other kinds of catering in London, and the next two places are both new or revised versions. The Golden Temple of Conscious Cookery in Hampstead has reverted to its old name of Cyrano's, with an ascetic decor and plants in niches. The Californian waitress (not many homespun English girls are to be found in these places, it seems) thoughtfully warned the Guide's visitor that "if you order too much, you don't enjoy it", and the warning might have been necessary if mushroom quiche had been followed by strudel. But the marinated mushroom salad (40p) and the tempura (60p, made with broccoli, radishes, parsnip, carrot,

fanatics and self-exiled Ameri- ables are delivered weekly and cauliflower and onion, with a dipping sauce on the side) were used in preference to any other both crisp and fresh, and other flavours were interesting: cara-way seeds in coleslaw. aniseed in apple strüdel.

Saints and Sinners in Kensington is also very new, and a vast improvement, early visitors think, on the vegetarian bistro that preceded it. Here too plants abound, and the dominant shade is earth-brown. The technique of displaying prepared dishes that are heated up under the micro-wave when ordered is a danger--ous one for vegetables needing delicate timing, and sometimes the originality expressed in such dishes as Indonesian vegetable curry, and Polynesian stew, are achieved at the expense of more basic merits such as getting the seasoning right, and stinting the vinegar in salad dressings. The organic wine looked badly in need of racking. There are four chefs, and probably much variation from day to day. Try the Japanese chef's stuffed pancake, someone suggests, another dish mysteriously called

Even the old familiar names have had new looks lately, for competition in this field is cut-throat, even if not carnivorous. Raw Deal, off Baker Street, has new owners (though the same chef). Soups, enterprising salads, and some of the sweets cheft. are better than the hot main dishes, and though they are unlicensed they encourage you to bring your own wine if you it to their herb tea or dandelion coffee. And the everpopular Cranks has set up a branch in Heal's store. Department-store restaurants as a genre offer little competition, and there was a long queue the other Saturday lunchtime. Heal's, presumably, provide the

furniture, and the usual Cranks

girls-in-blue the food. The p no doubt wisely, is shorter at the Marshall Street quarters, and tomato sou salad of cabbage, caulifi-green pepper and bean spr and lightly poached fruit ynghourt and cream did seem expensive at £1 after ing at the price tags on a not 20 yards away.

So much for specialist tarian places. But it would a pity to leave the subject > out remarking that for r memorable leguminous of in London it is still necessogo to the real experts. Japa or Chinese ways with bean t or the delicately spiced. separate lentils Indira se one of us with the other or the puffy South Indian flour pencakes with fresh nut chutney that they do a Vijay in Kilburn are a remit that to cook vegetables ! well you have to have dependent on them for a milium or two. Perhaps, all

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A gardener's Christmas time

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handles—and I was that I was extremely get any at all. he family ask for ideas r Christmas presents, some tools would be A spirit level, a large in essential if you plan any paving or do any ng. Useful too is a ocket "holdall" constructives hadde a screw-driver handle

lely, over the years, I one of a selection of screw-hered together a fairly driver blades, also a sharp pointed awl.

While I am the last person to encourage anybody unqualified to dabble with electrical matters, it is useful to have one of those screwdrivercum-current testers. It has a tiny element in the handle which glows when the tip of the blade is placed against a live wire or electrical socket.

wire or electrical socket.

Then also useful is the Stanley steel tape measure which you pull out and which can be fixed by pressing a knob at any pulled-out position. With the old type of tape measure you had to hold the tape in one hand and the reel in the other.

For anyone who finds stooping a bore, the long handled tool

excellent. It consists of two aluminium handles and at the end of each is a slightly con-cave blade. The result is a kind of giant sugar tongs, and it is surprising how easy it is to lift rubbish with this tool.

Most of us have got into the habit of keeping a card of fuse wire handy, but nowadays with modern ring mains and fused plugs it is necessary to keep a stock of 2, 5 or 13 amp cartridge type fuses.

Other small but useful items which the family could be asked for include one or two plastic garden labels and waterproof ink felt pens. The ink used in ordinary ball point pens is not waterproof. Even better is a Dymo labelling machine. These ing a bore, the long handled tool come in various sizes and pro-for litting leaves or garden duce adhesive strip labels, on rubbish into a barrow is which you can emboss any name

tapes is the easiest so read. The raised letters are, of course, white whether you use the black, blue, red or green tapes. A word of warning. If you have children going off to boarding school be prepared to lose your Dymo marker. So many personal items have to be labelled at school that a Dymo seems to be almost essential—

as is a good supply of tape. Many people tend to fight shy of new techniques, and it might do a gardening friend a good turn to give him a selection of pelleted seeds this Christmas. Once he has used them and discovered their advantages he will, I am sure, he very grateful. Pelleted seeds are here to stay, and I hope the seedsmen will gradually extend the range of

you wish. We find that the varieties they prepare in this white raised lettering on black way. The seeds are coated with tapes is the easiest so read. a soluble inert material so that their size is increased up to 90-fold. This makes even such small seed as petunia easy to SOW.

Whether you are sowing pelleted seeds in a seed box, or in the case of hardy seeds, in a seed bed in the open, you can space each seed so that transplanting is made unnecessary. This eliminates one check to the plants and save the gardener one job. We sowed pelleted wallflowers this year for the wallflowers this year first time, well spaced out, and they have made excellent plants without transplanting. We will leave them in their seed bed until March before moving These seeds come in them. "bubble" packs on card. The

Society's annual Christmas lec-ture, of special interest to young gardeners, is entitled A New Look at the World of the Insecteating Plant, and is to be given by Dr Y. Heslop-Harrison, whose husband is director of The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. As well as illustrating the beauty and fascination of these plants, Dr Heslop-Harrison will expound on the scientific work being done in the study of the extraordinary biology of these plants.
This lecture is intended mainly for young people up to the age of 18, but adults may accompany

It will be held in the lecture room at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, West-minster, at 2.30 pm, on Tuesday, December 31. There is no charge for admission, but as Royal Horticultural accommodation is limited appli-

cations for tickets should be made to The Secretary, The Royal Horricultural Society, Vincent Square, London SWIP 2PE, as soon as possible.

If you grew any chicory with a view to forcing it this winter, lift some of the roots now—say half a dozen—and cut off the leaves. Set the roots in boxes of sandy soil or moist peat so that the top of the root is covered about six inches deep. Place the boxes in a warm dark place—in a cupboard under the stairs for example. If you do not have a dark place, cover the boxes with black polythene sheering. Keep the roots moist and warm and you should be cutting "chicons" or blanched salading material in about 20

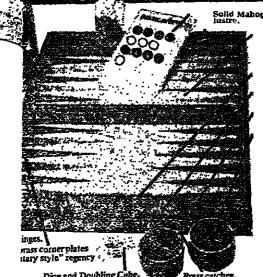




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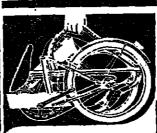
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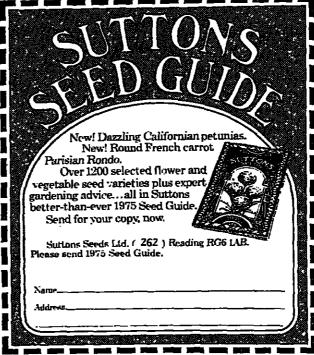
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airroad, who is a frequent visito many minds a gonner on to to London (so much so that October 11, the day after polling he keeps a flat here). He is -or a dead duck, as Mr John fund of this country, a well- Davies might have expressed it wisher of many years' standing in an extension of his awful -an anxious friend now deeply clisturbed by the doom-laden He is alive and moderately well spirit in which he finds us as at No 17 Wilton Street and

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ist).
His regrets—for they are regrets rather than accusations or aspersions—are centred on a larger, a more extensive and prolonged failure from which neither of the great parties can be exonerated: in short a lack of inspiring guidance and direction, stimulation and encourage-

There are many who will agree with him.

A more hopeful outlook is not, of course, encouraged by unjust, harsh and divisive measures against this or that segment of the community, such as Mrs Earbara Castle's attack on the self-employed, whose prospec-tive National Insurance contribations from next spring are beyond reason. Unless mitigated by some concession from Mr Healey, perhaps during the passage of the Finance Bill, this some concession from Mr shabby imposition will cost the victims a pretty pound: but it will cost the Labour Party even both in reputation and

At a stroke (as Mr Heath might say) Mrs Castle has dismayed and alienated many selfemployed people—writers and artists—who are among the natural allies of the Labour movement. Together, she and Mr Healey (with VAT, his wretched inheritance from Mr Anthony Barber) are by way of crippling them. There can be no electoral profit in that.

Berween them, these two wrong minority—an articulate minority within a minority. It is particularly disappointing and surprising that Mrs Castle, a gay, brave spirit in whom there is much to admire, should have allowed herself to be landed no doubt by the Whitehall bureaucracy-with responsibility for a measure which is morally offensive, politically dangerous and quite contrary to her own warm instincts.

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he says. "Things are not as bad while nothing is ever certain as a lot of people are making in politics, it rather looks as if our. Britain is not going to be he may succeed—not because everyone wants him but for lack Mr Whitelaw has apparently

excluded himself from the coming contest (expected in Febru-—your oil, your coal, all your ary) on grounds of "loyalty" other assets in industry, in the cir. your technical skills, your also have felt, with due modesty, that he might prove less than a match for Mr Wilson in what is likely to be a lengthy period of opposition. Nor could be be sure of gaining enough votes to unseat Mr Heath. Some of Mr Heath's critics are Mr Whitelaw's, too-if only because his repeated expressions of loyalty simply emphasize his attachment to the Heath policies, his long association with their author. Not unreasonably, there are those who ask whether anyone so closely identified with Mr Heath would be likely to differ from him in the field of policy.

From all accounts, Sir Keith Joseph has also dismissed himself: after rigorous self-examination he has concluded that he is lacking in certain politi-cal skills. Mrs Thatcher—to her credit-is still willing to stand; but whether the party is yet ready to elect a woman leader, however able, remains more than doubtful.

That leaves us with Mr Edward du Cann. Like the rest of them, Mr du Cann has his detractors: but he also has his admirers. His support is said to be growing. Given that Mr Enoch Powell cannot take part because he is not technically eligible, and that Sir Christopher Soames has not returned to Westminster by February, it may come down to a choice between Mr Reath, Mr du Cann and Mrs Thatcher.

I am determined never again

soda on a train. The other day, travelling in the Southern Region (to Martin Mill, if you are interested in my destinaare interested in my destina-tion), I was charged 60 pence —12 shillings in our old currency: 47p for the whisky, 13p for the soda water. The whisky was admittedly a large one, the contents of a so-called miniature bottle, and one can perhaps accept the price, though it is on the steep side. But to ask 13p—more than half a crown—for soda, which ought to be free in any well-conducted bar, is scandalous.

If Mr Richard Marsh, as head of the railways, is intent on running down the catering services, then he is going the right way about it. If, on the other hand, he would like to encourage them, he had better review some of the charges.

Betwen them, Mr Ernest Marples and Dr Beeching (as they were at the time) managed to eliminate a good part of our splendid railway system. Mr Marsh should eliminate profiteering in food and drink

week is a long time in politics. @ Times Newspapers Ltd, 1974

Why the law must adapt to meet the needs of a changed society

Cassandra's punishment was to be disbelieved when she correctly prophesied the gloomy future of her society. Lord Justice Scarman has taken the risk of assuming that mantle. In his Hamlyn lectures, just completed, he has looked hard at the law and the legal institutions of England and has found them wanting. law and the legal institutions of England and has found them wanting. They had increasingly failed to adjust to the social, policical and economic changes of the post-war world. The possible consequences of this failure were not limited to the legal system. but would involve the very structure of society, he argued. Justice itself would be at risk. It was not too late to reverse the trend, but a collective effort of will was needed now or it.

effort of will was needed now, or it would soon be too late. Sir Leslie's Hamlyn lectures amount to the most important review of the state of the law since that of Gerald Gardiner, later Lord Gardiner, the Lord Chancellor, in Law Reform Now, in 1963. Many of the reforms called for then have since come about, with Sir Leslie Scarman himself playing a crucial role through his work as first chairman of the Law Commission. But the last decade has seen start-ling changes, and it is now no longer enough to call for piecemeal reform of particular laws or fields of the law. What Sir Leslie is asking is far more difficult. He asks of judges, the legal profession and the law teachers that they change their way of thinking: "Look to the new sources and fields of law and endeavour to retain the spirit of the old while abandoning habits of thought and action derived from a society that no longer exists", he exhorts.

His thesis that English common law had failed to respond sufficiently to changes both within society and external to it is based on a close look at six areas of current significance; human rights, membership of the European Economic Community, the social security system of the welfare state, the environment, industrial relations, and constitutional devolution to the regions.

Time and again he points out how factors which led to the development of a particular branch of the law were no longer present, or were immeasurably changed, without a corresponding change in the approach of the law or of the legal profession. Specific laws for the protection of human rights might not have been necessary when Britain had no international obligations in that field, but she has now assumed them, and yet the system has not developed to encompass these obligations.

Lord Justice Scarman believes that a new constitutional sertlement is needed, with a Bill of Rights and entrenched provisions, which would take into account our international and internal obligations in the human rights field, as well as our new relationship with the European Community and, if devolution comes about, with the various regions. The constitution would be pro-

tected by Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, which would be the final court of appeal in constitutional

The same points apply to the internal scene, Sir Leslie argues. "A legal system, which offers only dis-tributive justice, has been found wanting. A law of torts, a land law, and a family law, conceived on common law principles however admirable in substance, cannot effectively protect the general public or the weak, the poor, the aged and the sick. "To satisfy the conscience of the

nation the state has had to move into empty spaces of the law, the deserts and hill country left uncultivated by

distributive justice, and there to make provision for society as a whole, and for those not strong enough to provide for themselves. Thus the wei-fare state is challenging the relevance, or at least the adequacy, of the com-mon law's concepts and classifications. Fault, trespass, property, even marriage, are now seen to be an insecure base for the development of a law suited to the needs of our

Family life has been freed from the tyranny of the husband and its obligations buttressed by the state: social security is available on the basis of need and as of right: the use of land, sea and air are controlled in the interests not of property but of society auxious to protect its environment: and in these developments there is a diminishing role for the common law, the common lawyers, and the courts. The law is being

new role?" Industrial relations, too, he sees as slipping away from the grasp of the law, with the possible result that force of power will take over from the rule of law. His warning is the same in this area as it is in all others: "If the law

remaindered—but to what? To death in a forgotten corner? Or is there a

does not adapt and adjust, it

rejected.
Sir Leslie's argument is that i influence of law and the rule of continue to decline, the administr authorities will become domi Control over their decisions wi exercized by the Government i not by the courts. There would no effective way for the citize challenge governmental or ad strative acts.

It was not the lawyers who created the challenges that so and the country faced, nor could lawyers suppress them, he said, they will not suddenly go ϵ "They have to be met either by carding or by adjusting the system. Which is it to be?"

It is too soon to tell whether Leslie will inherit the curse of sandra or whether those in the will rise to his exhortations and o a new ambience for the law to in. The legal profession is nor kn for instant adaptability to new c tions. It is difficult to be optime that, having ignored so much ele-will heed even this impassioned a

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Mr James Collins during his playing career, and today—a 60-year "record of allegiance".

Sportsview

A 40-year record that could go under the Hammers this season

League table. If they complete season without losing ground Mr James Collins will go to bed hoarse, from cheering - and wake up next day a curiously saddened man.

James-Jim-Collins has a record of allegiance to West Ham that stretches back over 60 years. As an errand boy for his father's butcher's shop he used to deliver meat to his "good luck today" as he handed over the joint. At 19 he joined the ranks of those heroes when he signed for the club for whom he was to play over 300 games in a 15-year career. For the last 20 years he has been a season ticket holder at Upton Park.

The year he holds most dear was 1927, when he was wing-half in the team which finished sixth in the First Division. " The teams of 1959 and 1973 equalled that record he says with the air of a man who had repeated the argument a million times "But they never beat it, that's the point."

"Today's team? Yes they

might do it . . . now they've got rid of Bobby Moore." There is a moment of silence while this sinks in, then Jim Collins explains: "I am a bit grudging about who I call a great player. Tommy Finney was. Stan Matthews wasn't. That Matthews final was a myth. He did nothing until the last 20 minutes, then started running past two cripples. Bolton threw that final away. And Moore, despite his 100-odd caps for England, was another myth.

"'Moore the Magnificent', Moore's Men', the alliteration made it sound good, but he didn't do enough for West Ham—not from 1967 onwards at any rate—to make him a great player in my book.

"He used to get every ball played to him out of defence, way out on the touchline where

a great player-would have to wait half an hour for the ball to reach him, and by the time it got there he'd have a rival whacking into him from behind. No wonder he ended with a bad back!" Yet, when all is said, he had to concede that until the World Cup triumph put Moore

West Ham. Collins believes that Moore used to over-awe everybody around him. "Take the facts of last season", he argues.
"When he was playing West
Ham picked up 11 points from their first 21 games. When he Hammers forward of the times, went they saved themselves with Next day the schoolmaster 26 points from the last 21. That called him to the front of the

out of the ordinary, even for

But it did not say it all, not this man Puddefoot. Every other by a long chalk. "This year boy has chosen Nelson or the spirit's changed", he went on. "With Moore gone, Taylor and young Lock have come out of the play "Collins replied." of their shells. Lampard, Cole-man and McDowell are all showing some of their original promise. And Bonds—now he is a great player—is showing what really means to set an example.

"Suddenly they've found a blend. Paddon and Brooking are class. But it is the other forwards who surprise me. Robson, Jennings and Gould chase everything. Their style is impudent, very hard to rumble. With most teams you can see the moves that are likely to lead to goals. Not with this present team. Suddenly Gould will catch a ball he shouldn't reach, or Jennings will jump a bit higher than anyone expects . . . and they've got a goal out of nowt.

Looking back across the years Collins believes that the West Ham of his day "had a way of playing that the others could not fathom. We'd win the ball in defence . . . get it out to the club. He remembers one of his wingers, Yews and Ruffell. Pop, first games in the first team, they'd whizz away and sling it "Somebody had been hurt and

meant for big grounds and lots to the ball young Jim, I'll skin of space. If West Ham had had you alive when you get back'.

a bigger pitch at Upton Park "Almost as soon as the game they would have won the title that year. At home was where they had lost it.

He began watching West Ham, he says, after pelting through the East Loudon streets muddled and bruised from his on a pedestal he was a player own football in the park, to reach the ground just as the gates were opened 10 minutes from the final whistle to let the crowds OUT.

At about that time his class was instructed to compose an essay on My Greatest Hero. He choose Syd Puddefoot, a great Hammers' forward of the times. class: "You have written about

After years of occasionally seeing West Ham, West Ham began more frequently seeing him. Scouts came to watch when he captained East Ham Boys to win the Dewar Shield (the Lon-don schools championship) three years in succession, and the then West Ham manager, Charles Paynter, wrote to Collins's father "Send him to see me

when he is 17". Paynter was taken literally. On his 17th birthday Jim Collins knocked at the manager's front door. He had not chosen his moment too well—West Ham having been beaten at Barusley the previous day, and received a thorough kicking into the bargain. "What, you want to be a footballer? I'd never let a bit sad and let down. People a footballer? I'd never let a players—Hufton, the goal-roared Paynter. And closed the Warson the greatest tenerally.

He soon relented and Jim Collins signed first amateur and then professional forms for the he was in no danger. Then he'd across to Vic Watson in the then sent for me in a hurry.

West Ham begin their match pose with the ball and finally centre and, whack, another The reserve trainer told me 'If with Manchester City today hit a great long pass up to goal". It was, he says, a style I hear you've been hanging on placed fifth in the Football Hurst. Hurst—now there was meant for big grounds and lots to the ball young Jim, I'll skin

"Almost as soon as the game started I had the ball and this Blackpool player came rushing at me. I knocked the ball past him and hopped out of his Then another one came, and out of desperation I did it again. Then the same thing happened again. Finally, scared out of my wits, I whacked it upfield and Vic Watson popped it in the per. The team and the crowd went potty . . . it looked like a great dribble, and all I was doing was trying to get rid

Jim Collins laughed up-roariously at the vivid memory, then says soberly: "Get rid of it! Remember how that used to be the cry? All the time the crowds used to get on to the players who were trying to do too much. Not these days . . . it's hard to find a player in most teams who has the nerve to hang on to the ball for more than a split-second."

We returned from delicious reminiscences to the hard reality of 1974 and 1975-" I've been waiting over 40 years to see a West Ham team do better than we did. This lot didn't new I don't know . . . if they can keep this enthusiasm, playing every match like a cup-tie, they can become the most successful West Ham team of all time

"If they do it I'll cheer myself hoarse once more. Be really Watson, the greatest scorer the club has ever had. Maybe a few even remember me, Jim Collins. It's something to lose. you know, the label . . . best we've ever had'."

Brian James iar wild flowers were found until recently in churchyards. There were plenty of the

Wildlife sanctuary in a village churchyard

Twelve years ago when old many-petalled Bert used to keep the country lady's smock, churchyard neat enough by dines, for ax scything the grass down three of rock-roses or four times a year during the summer, there were plenty cranes ill a of slow-worms, or "legless lizards" living there. Bert used, in fact, to wear his tallest boots and the the bottoms est boots and me me vormans of his trouserlegs over them with binder-twine, because of "the snakes", although every-one repeatedly assured him that slow-worms were com-pletely harmless.

There were male blue-spotted slowworms in the downland graveyard, as well as the commoner dark brown and copper-backed varieties. Bert must have murdered a few as he chand the ground but plenty shaved the ground but plenty survived under the stones, or in the coarser herbage all round the loside of the flint walls. He only considered it necessary to cut "the rough stuff" where hurtantian stuff" where butterfiles abounded and bumble bees, that are so essential to our economy bred, once a year, in the late autumn.

There are not as many slow-worms now the old graves have been levelled and a number of stones removed to make the mechanical and more frequent mowing easier, but a few manage to survive. They are seldom seen but they are safe while some parts of the churchyard are left as shelter.

Common lizards live there in pleasing numbers and account for endless files, beetles and in statuesque poses on the flints, staying motionless in the sun with only their eyes moving as they watch intruders. Their scaled bodies are perfectly camoublaged against the

weathered walls.
Hedgehogs find places in many unspoils churchyards too where they can build both breeding and hibernating nests. breeding and hibernating nests.
A pair salkied out of our lychgate at dusk, to demolish slugs
and snails in near-by gardens
and their speed as they ran
along the street, with bodies
well clear of the ground, was rapid and surprising.
There are a few churchyards

in remote farming areas where harvest-mice have taken shelter from arable hand. As they were gradually driven out of the in-tensively cultivated, sprayed and hedgeless fields it was interesting to see how they took instead to weaving spherical nests in the tall grass round the inner perimeter of the old churchyard walls. A few churchyard walls. A few records of dornice nesting in honeysuckle by church porches have come in recently but they will soon vanish if the honeysuckie is trimmed back too hard.

Indeed the danger to all the harmless wild creatures that have sought the churchyards as safe places where they can continue to exist, is coming more and more now from what Sir Edward Salisbury calls the borrors of suburbanisarion", or in other words, from the increasing passion for over-tidiness. The conservation of the churchyards, as far as wildlife is concerned, will be useless unless a few unused corners are left to grow more or less wild. Sir Edward, as a botanist, bemoans the destruction of so many interesting wild or long-naturalised plants. Vacious

double-flowered forms of famil-

which is sad because they unusual and it is likely. country people for a generations, after finding a growing wild, had transplan them to beautify the graves as well as to give the better chance of survival. Medicinally useful ple also grew frequently in chu-yards and Sir Edward gests that the herb-women (berately planted out many their remedies on "land", knowing that would be safe, as well as in: _ ing their accessibility. It

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possible that an element religious superstition credi plants that grew in such s ations with deeper significa than others "outside than others "outside walls", so that Alkaner, cure Melancholy"; Chamon

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It is thought the yew tr were often planted for seve reasons, the most perin being, perhaps, that thev. other popular evergreens, B Bay, Rosemary for remembrece and Holly, all symbolic eternal life, as well as being a proper "dark and moura-

It seems unlikelv anyone will wish to destroy t yews, but the few remaini harmless creatures and i relics of most of the unust plants, especially some of t traditional herbs, are now great jeopardy. It would be especially some of t great pity if the last of the which could so easily allowed refuge in churchyar all over Britain, were to auminilated by the new zith lous, but unknowlegable arr

Alison Ros at



Seamen say farewell to their shore berth

TREE 20 page colour brothure and price list on Europe's Illustrated 112 page book, "Humidification for Health.
Comfort and Increased Productivity". I/We enclose £1. Sailors' Home and Red Ensign Club in Dock Street, E1, has been a haven between voyages for seamen; for some of them the only home in England, or even on dry land, that they had. The changed pattern of the shipping industry in the past 10 years and inflation have created such losses for it that it can no **HUMIDIFIER ADVISORY SERVICE** longer continue.

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The charity began as the Destitute Sailors' Asylum in pleted by bullies and fighting under the sun, but all with the 1827. From this evolved the men when they staggered out watchful eyes of seamen spying Home "for the reception, lodg- into the streets." The Home kept a landlubber ou board. Somalis ing, and protection of all per- vans drawn by horses and in sons and property of sailors, the charge of tough drivers to meet improvement of their morals, ships at the docks and bring stanis book out to catch a flight saving them from the crimps seamen and their kit safe home to join a ship at Abu Dhabi.

The home from home for sailors them on outward bound vessels seamanly skills. These educative Automation stranded in the Port of London to all parts of the world". In functions have now gone to wages have houses, where many a poor seaman was shipwrecked, rolled, rial club, without any denominaand skinned alive. Montagu Williams, an

End magistrate, described it in Bedrooms are called cabins, and the 1860s: "If the sailors were the kitchen, the galley. The bar not entirely fleeced inside the is filled with faces of every saloons, the process was com-(two-legged land sharks) of Lon- past the parasites and tarts. It ion, and regularly shipping also taught navigation and other the old Home no longer viable. Stepney.

is closing its hospitable doors. those days London was a perill other institutions, except for a century and a half the ous sea for sailors who had just nautical cookery. The Home is

profit-making hotel and residentional axe to grind, for seafarers. Bed and breakfast cost £1.70. colour and racial idiosyncrasy off a giant tanker just in at Thames Haven book in Paki-

wages have reduced numbers employed in the British merchant fleet from been paid off. The notorious the only place in London where streets around the docks were streets around the docks were infested with brothels, clipaints, and cheap boarding. It still provides a cheap dondays, and seamen are less feckless; when they reach London they go home to their families and wait to be telephoned by

their companies. All seamen are now under contract either directly to a shipping company or to the British Shipping Pederation. So it is no longer possible for a sailor to lodge at the Home, while going down to the docks each day in the hope of making a pier-head jump on an outward bound ship. The docks, in any case, Various changes have made have moved downstream from

The Secretary of the Home, which was opened by the Prioce Wing Commander Bill Fleming, the "Wings", can remember days only a decade ago when a seaman would stay for a fortnight and spend £400 on booze, the local betting-shops, and dingy local rooms that supplied seamen with other traditional sailors' comforts after a long voyage. He says: "This place used to be a home. Now it has become a place of transit. Old seamen who have been coming here for 20 years and more feel our closure very pain-fully." Seamen seldom stay for longer than a night or two now, before being flown home or flown across the world to Karachi or Hongkong or some from dockland. other landfall to join a ship. The Home, whose chief stone was laid by Palmerston and

known to his sailor-guests as for 500 in its heyday in the wings and accommodation for 500 in its heyday in the great days of sail. Today it has accommodation for 200, and is never more than half full." The charitable trust that runs it has been amalgamated with a " the Marine Society, and there were enterprising and practical cable plans to redevelop the Home as a Marine Centre, with fewer rooms and moderu type of seaman. Inflation and the economic crisis have sour. pered these plans, temporarii: at least. When the old billet to: sailors up the London River closes, something of value and bonourable history will vanish

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E FREEDOM OF DEBATE

is nothing The Times view with more distress ocern than a conflict this newspaper and the community, either the lewish community, or the ommunity. We have a imiration for the Jewish tion to British life and a ection for it as well. We usistently supported the existence of the state of and have admired the nents of that nation, feeling any more need to from criticizing Israel's han to refrain from crithe policy of France, for whom we feel nation regard.

theless the action of the of Deputies of British reporting to the Attorney the advertisement which Zionist fund raising em to us to be seriously ed. The only allegation to the Race Relations that the advertisement have the unqualified l of those who seek to seeds of racial hatred". not even a direct allegalat the advertisement o racial hatred; if it had it would not have been

> advertisement attacked fund raising; it attacked military policies, includnolicy of reprisals; it that British funds would er spent at home. The does not endorse these as indeed we do not the views of any political er; in this case we do not ree with them. We accept re are counter arguments an be brought, and we sened our letters column

arguments. vhat we do not accept is should be impossible for who hold the pro-ian view—which is not sition-to put forward ats in favour of their case, that it might "sow the of prejudice. To attack fund raising, or to attack is not the same thing as ig Tews. Some pro-Arabs

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Your Religious Affairs Corre-

ident has drawn attention to the in which a number of Church ingland clergy are quietly exer-

ag their independence by allow-after suitable inquiries, a arce to be married in church

her s another approach which erves attention. Christian people believe that it is right that they uld be remarried in church are quently recommended by their ar to seek help from Free Church listers. About half the 1,150 ple, Anglican, Methodist and ert who were remarried by the

ers, who were remarried by the

thodist Church in one particular

r were Anglicans, and of these at st one-third had been recom-nded to the Methodist Church by

ir own vicar. In some cases the

ar also asked if he might be

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my. In the course of a careful nury I did not get any impression easy-going permissiveness on the

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ther a serious attempt to probe d to act with compassion. A num-r of those who seek remarriage in

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in this country no doubt are anti-semitic, and anti-semitism is both an insidious and dangerous disease, but many pro-Arabs are not anti-semitic. They believe that on balance the greater injustice is the one the Palestinians have suffered, and they work to put

that right. Again, that is not our view. We would accept the ultimate strength of the analysis that Israel suffers the threat of destruction, and not the Arab states, and that Israel is bound to remain in a strong position of defence until there is evidence that a real peace can be made. We certainly also consider that peace is Israel's great ultimate interest, and that Israel's policy, particularly between the last two Middle Eastern wars, did not always take the right means to.

The Board of Deputies recently lent their authority to a two-page advertisement in The Times attacking the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. We sym-pathized with that advertisement and have indeed consistently supported the campaign for freedom of Jewish immigration. It is argued that the anti-Soviet advertisement, which was severe in its allegations, was a political advertisement, but that the anti-Zionist one was a racial advertisement. We cannot see that the distinction is just. Zionist fund raising, though its purposes are charitable, does strengthen Israel generally and is intended to do so by those who solicit funds and by those who give them. An attack on Zionist fund raising seems therefore to have a clear-

cut political objective. It has also been argued that it is one thing to publish an attack on a foreign government, and another to attack a British group, in this case the British Zionists. That does not seem to us a conclusive difference; political debate, both in our editorial and advertising columns, covers both domestic and international con

troversies. Of course it is true that any political attack can have the secondary effect of creating prejudice, can in that sense "sow the seeds" of prejudice. No doubt that is a danger in all attacks on Zionism, just as preudice against communism may follow from any attacks on the Soviet Union. Yet freedom of speech is prejudiced itself if strong ex-parte political statements are not allowed.

We have a rule that we never resent the resentment of either the Arabs or the Jews. The Times has a duty, which is difficult enough, to try to take a balanced view of the conflict in the Middle East; we also have a duty to allow freedom of speech advertisers on both sides of the dispute, whether we agree with them or not. We do not always succeed either in being fair to the Jewish or the Arab case. We recognize the strength of feeling on both sides and sympathize rather than otherwise with the irrupting resentment which our own conduct sometimes provokes. How could people feel otherwise, when the history has been such, and such issues are at stake?

We also recognize that Zionism is both a political and national movement, and that attacks on Zionism which are argued on political grounds will nevertheless seem to many Jews to be attacks on the Jewish nation as such. There is perhaps no way out of this difficulty. Zionism is not only a political force, it is a very important one. Yet unlike communism or Western liberalism it is a political force identified with a particuar nationality, and with that nationality alone.

Yet in this case we do believe that the Board of Deputies are making a mistake. By trying to have the advertisement prosecuted, they appear to be trying to deny their opponents the right to state their case. What is more they have already had some success; The Times has refused a further insertion of the same advertisement because we judge that to do so, in the light of the protests, would be provocative, would have the prejudicial effect of raising an already emotional issue to a more dangerous level. We do not think that it is wise of the Board of Deputies to seek to deny to others a freedom of speech which they have them-

THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD

gives the natural parents a veto same benefits as the foster incarnation of his private on adoption right up to the er's measure of last Feb- moment the process is completed. which was denied its A couple planning to adopt has is no need to suppose that the I reading when Mr Heath to live with the child and courts would assess a child's that at any moment their hopes may be capriciously taken away by a parent whom the child may hardly remember. Only if a court judges that the parents are unreasonable in refusing consent, or if they have persistently illtreated the child, can an adoption go ahead without their agree-

ment. It is right that natural parents should have very substantial and longlasting rights over their own children-apart from anything else, if they have reason to fear that it will be difficult to get them back once they have been taken into care, they may resist parting with them even temporarily when it is in everyone's interest that they should. But in the last resort it is the child whose fate is most involved, and the child's own interest should

prevail. The new Bill, like the Houghton report, falls short of spelling this out. It provides that a court or adoption agency "shall take full count of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his childhood" and that the child's own wishes should be taken into account as far as possible, but it does not declare in terms that this factor should be the paramount one. It might be better if it did, though the difference is not a crucial one. The reform has been in the air for so long that there has been a partial reversal of sympathy among social workers in favour of the natural parents. In purely material terms, many parents (already in difficulties or they would not have needed to

part with their child) will never

At present the law generally be able to provide it with the parents, whatever they may have to offer in the way of love and established intimacy. But there welfare in our

selves so recently exercised.

Certainly they should not do so. In balancing the interests of natural and would-be adoptive parents, the Bill greatly improves the existing arrangements. It is important that the parents, as well as the child, should usually have representation with legal aid in contested cases. To a great extent (it would be impossible to do so entirely) the danger is of making too much depend on the calendar, and so encouraging parents to reclaim their children after three years or five to avoid some drastic diminution of their rights. The proposal enabling parents to free their children for adoption in advance will, it is hoped, spare children and foster parents much uncertainty, though it is likely that a deep-rooted and natural reluctance to sign one's child away irrevocably will make it less often used than it might

The decision to forbid informal third party adoptions accords most informed opinion. the extra responsibilities that will fall on adoption societies as parental holds are diminished, it is right that central registration should be introduced in England and Wales. An extra burden will also fall on local authority social service departments. Councils are to be given the responsibility of ensuring that adoption facilities in their areas are adequate. At a time when so many admonitions about extravagance fall on local authorities from above it is of the utmost importance that central government should make full allowance for the extra staff and spending that these responsibil-ities will require.

and to summon the aid of a power nor themselves.

There is good reason to believe that there is growing tolerance within the Church of England to the different approaches to this problem which are, in practice, being adopted within the parishes. When the church has more experience of these different approaches, it will be possible for the General Synod, with the agreement of the bishops and good will of the majority of the members of the church, to maintain the principle of life-long marriage not themselves.

the principle of life-long marriage and to act with compassion in individual cases. Yours faithfully, ALAN WEBSTER, The Deanery, Norwich.

December 9. London's orbital road

and south orbital roads.

From Mr G. A. R. Ebsworth Sir, In a period when many big ventures for the future are being scrapped—first Maplin, next perhaps, the Channel Tunnel—projects which are clearly essential should not be observed or delayed. One of not be obstructed or delayed. One of these, I suggest, is the outer ring road round London, that is the north

Other European capitals have found it essential to have such ring roads. Motorists who have visited the continent will know the ring the continent will know the ring road round Rome and the "peri-pherique" round Paris, though the latter is perhaps a little too near the city centre for comfort.

In the case of London, an outer ring road is even more urgent as there is as yet no motorway system connecting the Channel ports with the Midlands and North which bypasses London. If the north east section of the road has to go through or near beauty spots like Epping Forest, efforts must obviously be made to keep environmental damage to the minimum but this is no reason for scrapping the whole pro-

One cannot in the same breath demand that juegernauts be kept out of our towns and villages and argue against the construction of roads which will do just that It is time the government gave a clear expression of intent to carry the orbital road project through with a target date for completion.
Yours faithfully,

G. A. R. EBSWORTH. 2 Warboys Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey. December 4.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Britain and Israel: freedom of the advertiser

From the Director of the Anglo-Israel Association Sir. That the publication of a certain advertisement in your paper on December 11 would provoke quite a flurry was clearly foreseen by you

according to your leader of today (December 12), "The Freedom of the Advertiser". You yourself binted in this at the probable mendacity of many of the statements in the advertisement. Others will doubtless deal with this aspect and whether the advertisement was or was not a subtle incitement to anti-

What seems to me dangerous in

the advertisement is that the casual reader may be misled into thinking that by "British" money channelled to "Zionist" Israel, HMG (ie, the taxpayers' money) is in some way involved. On this aspect I feel that I, as an ex-member of Her Majesty's Diplometric Service can offer Diplomatic Service, can offer authoritative and reassuring infor-mation. While assistant and later head of the Foreign Office Depart head of the Foreign Office Department dealing with Israel and the Arab countries around her I was engaged in the 1950s in channelling large sums of aid to the Arab countries—£121 million a year to the Arab Legion, £31 million a year to Jordan for economic development and so on. Our technical assistance programmes channelled through our Middle East Development Division Middle East Development Division were almost exclusively directed to the Arab countries. Even Nuri's oil-rich Iraq benefited handsomely in various ways. HMG's contribu-tion to UNWRA for the Arab refugees has run into millions of pounds since 1949 and continues. All the above represented the British taxpayers' money.

Against this our economic and technical assistance to Israel was on a riny, if efficient, scale and not one penny of the British taxpayers' money went to support the 750,000 Jews who had been driven out of Arab lands and stripped of all their oossessions.

So, the casual reader can rest assured—his money has not been sent to Israel but to her needy neighbours. Yours faithfully. MICHAEL HADOW, Director, The Anglo-Israel Association, 9 Bentinck Street, WI.

December 12.

From Mr L. Gorden
Sir, Your leading article today,
"Freedom of the advertiser", tried very hard to be fair and objective, and almost succeeded. It refers, rightly, to "freedom of political expression in advertising . . free-dom under law . . offence is not in itself a reason for refusing . . . ". It also refers, rightly, to "careful consideration of allegations of fact that

they contain . . . " (my italics).

Granted that the advertisement as whole was accepted by The Times under the proper policy of "free-dom of political expression in advertising", surely the line "indiscriminate bombing of Palestinian refugees" should not have been allowed. That line was not " political expression" in any proper sense. and untrue "allegation of fact' and knowingly so. It is a fact (and nothing to do with opinion; that Israel has never been guilty of indiscriminate or any other bombing of refugees as such. You, Sir, are aware—indeed it has often been reported in The Times and other leading newspapers—that Israel has bombed or otherwise attacked Lebanon the targets were never refugee camps as such, but Al Fatah or other terrorist bases or training camps. If these groups, with full knowledge of their government, choose to have these places in or near refugee camps (for reasons of self-protection) it is surely their own fault and responsibility. When Germany in the last war had muni-tion factories in civilian areas it was their own responsibility.

It would be just as factually wrong for The Times or any other news-

Cathedral appeals

paper to accept an advertisement, eg

From Mr W. J. Carpenter Turner

Sir, Yet another appeal is launched for repairs to the fabric of a great

cathedral and there can be no doubt

that the work is urgent and neces-sary, but I regret to note that the

appeal reflects the growing ten-dency to link the needs of the fabric

with some other cause, all propa-ganda stressing the structural short-

comings of the building and omit-ting any mention of the less drama-

tic associated matter once the brochures have been issued.

two appeals in recent years both laving great stress on the needs of the fabric—the first appeal associated with the desire to enlarge the

funds of the Dean and Chapter and

the second with the wish to endow

You will also recall that some years ago we had the great Westminster Abbey appeal again associating the needs of the fabric with

Here at Winchester we have had

accusing Britain of "indiscriminate" shooting of people in Ulster, or of Germany during the last war. There can be little doubt that The Times would, rightly, not accept such an advertisement or at least such part

of it—they would reject it as wrong and untrue "allegation of fact".

There can also be little doubt that all or the large majority of people who protested about the advertise—thick are sublished on the large majority of people who protested about the advertise—thick are sublished on the large majority of the large majority of people who protested about the advertise—thick are sublished on the large majority of the ment which you published on December 11 did so, not because they objected to "political expression", nor even because it gave "offence", but for the objective and more cogent reason that it contained unfair and patently and blatantly untrue "allegation of

Your leading article today also contains no reference to the sheer hypocrisy of the advertisers: behind their cloak of putting Britain first lies their guilt of supporting and defending Arab terrorist organizations who indeed have been responsible, on their own admission, for worse than indiscriminate bombing — namely, the deliberate massacre of women and schoolchildren. Not even the terrorist organizations themselves, nor their best friends or supporters, have ever suggested that there was any element of military or alleged terrorist targets. Indeed in many instances some of the victims have

been non-jews and non-Israelis.
What an extraordinary case of the pot calling the kettle black. In other words, the advertisement used "freedom of political expression" as a cloak for licence to disregard truth and fact. That was not surprising. The surprise is that The Times accepted it—pot, stock and barrel. Yours truly, L. GORDEN, London, SW1.

From Mr George Fox Sir, Your leader and Mr Simon's letter (both December 12) are both commendable so far as they go, but do not take into account the following:

December -12.

The anonymous persons who caused the offending advertisement to appear are not after "Justice in the Middle East". They will be satisfied only with their version of "instice" justice "

The advertisement about the Russian Jews was not published in Russian newspaper, nor is it probable that it was seen by any of the Russian general public. So far as know, none of the facts in it is disputed, whereas most of the positive statements in the second one, eg, that regarding the demand of sacrifice from this country, are a calculated perversion of the truth. It would be interesting to know on what ground they are not to be considered as an invitation to racial discrimination.

The first of the advertisements was anything but anonymous. What are things coming to when a scurrilous advertisement can be inserted

in The Times under a box number? Whence originated the money that unreasonable to think that it came out of the fabulous wealth of the oil-producing countries? Dis-crimination against a section of this country's citizens is not lessened by being fomented by foreign sources. Yours faithfully.

GEORGE A. FOX. 27 Roslin Hall. Manor Road Bournemouth.

From Rabbi Sidney Brichw Sir, Your leader "The Freedom of the Advertiser" misses the point. The advertisement "Put Britain First" was in essence an attack not on Zionists alone, but on the entire Jewish community whose members openly and proudly give financial support to Israel's open door policy to Jewish refugees from all parts of the world. The advertisement was an attempt to turn non-Jewish

Britons against their Jewish fellow-citizens. At a time of economic hardship (and at such times even the most civilized pations have been known to seek a conveniont scape-goath, the advertiser insinuates that Jews' loyalty to Britain is under-mined by their natural concern for their brethren in Israel, which is manifestly unprue-

For this reason, the analogy drawn regarding the advertisement, of which I was a signatory, advocating the release of Soviet Jews is a false one. This dealt with the policy of a foreign government, not with the actions of a section of the British community.

Of course no one would expect The Times only to publish adver-tisements with which it agrees, but one still has the right to be shocked at the lack of discriminating judgment which permitted such an advertisement to appear in its pages. Yours faithfully, SIDNEY BRICHTO, Chairman, The Council of Reform and Liberal

Rabbis, The Montagu Centre, 109 Whitfield Street, W1.

From Mr G. J. Gordon
Sir, Although I am quite aware that
by utilizing one full page of your
newspaper to display the "advertisement" of the "Committee for Justice in the Middle East", you are not infringing any law, I cannot believe that you failed to appreciate

the implications of your so doing.

At first sight the only words which have any impact are those in large bold type, namely "Shouldn't Britain Come First?" (at the top of the advertisement) and "Isn't Britain More Important?" (at the bottom). The expression in the smallest type is the word "Advertisement'

Without any disrespect to the intelligence of your readers, the impression gained by a casual reader would be that anybody who donates money to the Zionist cause is being not only unpatriotic but also actively preventing the building of "more homes", the improving of "social services" and the helping of "pensioners". However, far worse is the fact that there is clearly a danger that many people will associate the sentiments of the

advertisement with The Times.

If the economic decline of this country continues at its present rate, you must surely realize that advertisements of this nature, with their misleading starements and distortions, can so easily feed existing hatreds and prejudices and create new ones. The effects of this have

heen seen before. Much damage has no already been caused by the display, but, in order to mitigate such damage, I request you most earnestly to display, at your own expense, another full-page "advertisement" more clearly specifying the committee which inserted the advertisement and dissociating yourself and your newspaper from its contents and implications.
Yours faithfully,
G. J. GORDON,

37A Adamson Road, NW3.

From Mrs Mavis Marcuson Sir, The advertisement in The Times from the "Committee for Justice in the Middle East" has provoked me further to consider the plight of the Palestinians in the refugee camps. For years they depended on United Nations relief while Arab states enjoying large oil revenues spent little on their support.

It seems to me a grotesque impertinence for the sponsors of this advertisement to impugn the motives of British Jews who seek to ensure decent living standards for Jews in Israel most of whom found ife intolerable in the countries of their birth, at a time when the Arab oil states are bringing the Western economies including Britain to the present state of crisis. Yours faithfully, MAVIS MARCUSON

21 Ham Farm Road. Richmond. Surrey.

Judging by your leading article (December 11) the Canterbury appeal is to be in the same model and with your contivance. Your leading article makes no mention of the one million pounds for the choir. I quote two extracts: "The appeal for more than three and a half million pounds to repair and preserve the medieval stained glass and fabric of Caterbury Cathedral" and "The very urgency of the necessary repairs at Canterbury raises the question of who should

lished church.

W. J. CARPENTER TURNER, Brookside. Back Street,

St Cross. Winchester. December 11.

Queen's English

those of the choir.

the choir.

From Mr P. J. Millett. QC Sir, Mr Levin's strictures on the pronunciation of the definite article on television and radio cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged. The practice which he condemns is, in fact, philologically correct, as the following explanation should demonstrate.

In theory, the definite article should be pronounced with a short "e" when the next word begins with a consonant, and with a long
"e" when it begins with a vowel.
In practice, however, Englishmen
are seldom sufficiently fluent to
select the apt noun in time to
determine the correct pronunciation of its definite article when they utter it. Accordingly, correct English usage requires the inter-position, between the definite article and its noun, of the word "er" or

Since each of these words begins with a vowel, it not only gives the speaker rime to grope for the appropriate noun, but enables him to pronounce the definite article with a long "e", confident in his immunity from criticism by Mr Levin. In polite society, Mr Levin, bear the burden of cost. Three and a half million pounds is a very large sum to raise . .

To my mind this kind of presenta tion is dishonest and does no good either to your paper or the estab Yours truly,

no one says "Pass the salt". The correct form is "Pass thee-er-salt. (Outside polite society a different

usage prevails. There, the definite article is invariably pronounced with a short "e", and followed by any one of a number of stereotyped and inappropriate adjectives chosen for the fact that they begin with a The practice on television and

radio is simply due to the difference between the spoken and written word. Broadcasters do not speak: they read from prepared scripts from which the interposed words. essential in ordinary speech, are absent. In order to appear spontaneous, announcers naturally pro nounce the definite article with a long "e" as in normal speech. The jerky pause which follows, and of which Mr Levin so unjustly complains, is essential to enable the istener to supply the missing "er or "um" and to preserve the beautiful cadences of the spoken Janguage.

Yours sincerely, P. J. MILLETT 9 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn. WC2. December 9.

End-of-term spirit

From the Principal of King's College, London Sir, The Michaelmas term has just ended. Upon its last day, at the end of term service of the Holy Eucharist, in the college chapel here, well over 300 people took communion. The overwhelming majority of these were students and The overwhelming though a good number were students of theology most were not. In the previous week the service of reading and music for Advent, twice repeated, had been attended in the aggregate by more than a thousand

It has to be accepted that students in universities are not at present much in public favour. The anti-democratic antics of a few and the unrepresentative attitudes of many student unions are the cause. The huge majority of students come to universities to work for a degree while they mature in company of their own age. If they came more to Union general meetings less would be done in their name of which, if they knew or thought about it, they might disapprove. Most, however are not really interested.

It may be regretted but it is also true that Union general meetings. even with a quorum of no more than four per cent of the student body. are not always quorate. We are said to suffer in this college from what is sometimes described as "the apathy of King's". This might be no more than the absence of widely felt and burning discontent. Nearly every student I know—and I know very many in this and other placeswould not dissent from being described as happy. They are also mostly good people. Times and manners have changed but I am sure that drugs are little used and that promisculty is rare.

Looking around at the end of term congregation I could not help reflecting how much ordinary goodness was there. At a time of gathering gloom in a season that should be one of hope I find this hopeful. Perhaps others will too

Yours faithfully.

W. HACKETT, King's College London, Strand, WC2. December 13.

Consistent policy for industry

From Sir Joseph Lockwood Sir, I have read Anthony Wigram's article on electoral reform (December 6) and would wholly agree with the central point made in the article. that constant changes in govern-ment policy made for party political motives have greatly damaged the confidence and growth of invest-ment in British industry in the last

decade.

I think these changes have also had a damaging effect on the morale of management and contri-buted significantly to the present "couldn't care less" attitude that I have seen develop during my

working life. The increasing complexity of modern technology has greatly lengthened the development and testing period of new products and it is absolutely essential that management should be able to plan altered and make the best extinuous. alread and make the best estimates they can of the market situation by the time the product is ready to be offered to the public. Cost is, of course, a prime factor in this equa-tion and unnecessary variation in taxation levels, investment develop-ment grants and stop-go and other

measures make such forecasting impossible. New institutions such as the Industrial Reorganization Corporation need a running in period of a few years before they become an effective and useful addition to the industrial account. industrial scene. This corporation was abolished by a change of government just at the time when it could have been most useful. It seems to me that our system of adversary politics described by Anthony Wigram as "alternating single party government" is a formidable obstacle to the working out of reasonable consensus and the long term policies on which the confidence of industry depends. Like other modern democracies, we must work out our attitude as a

and taxation to try to maintain some stability and consistency of policy in these essential spheres.
Only then will we be able to settle down to a decent job of work and begin to pay our way in the world. I am convinced therefore that our system of government should be altered to prevent or slow down rapid change either by providing a second chamber with real power or by a single chamber government elected by proportional repre

nation to fundamental issues like

nationalization, industrial relations

sentation.
Yours faithfully, JOSEPH LOCKWOOD, Flat 18, 33 Grosvenor Square W1. December 11.

Financing the arts

From Mr John Letis Sir, Most of the stories appearing

recently about financial support for the arts tend to concentrate on the problems of maintaining the performing acts in the style to which they have become accustomed. It may well be that the cost of continuing to shoulder the huge overpanies of opera, ballet and theatre may become insupportable in the medium term. But it may be that other and humbler-and cheaperburdens are being shed already.

Disquieting rumours abound that museums and libraries are to have in the current year—now—what is called "a negative growth rate", or, in terms the average citizen will understand, an actual cut of 4.9 per cent against a projected increase of 4.1 per cent that would be neces sar to stay in the same place. There appears to be a plan to save almost EBm from the most easily raided and the most lightly defended of all sectors enjoyed by the public.

museums.

You say, Sir, that the arts make no direct contribution to the balance of payments (a view which would be resisted by Sotheby's and Christies) and that the size of the audience will not persuade the Government of its claims to parity. never mind priority (though the museum audience has been graving as explosively as the National Trust audience since the war). There is a nensensical assumption here that should be strongly resisted—that it is easier to defend the outlay of E8m to enable us to go on making unsaleable motor cycles in Meriden and Coventry than it is to spend exactly the same sum on maintaining the museums and galleries which attract the tourists whose spending is far more vital to our current

balance of payments. But new ways to afford the arts will no doubt have to be found, and quickly, our sense of relative values being what it is. Suppose the Treasury agreed to allow indutrial firms to direct up to 2 per cent of their Corporation Tax bill (the difference, incidentally, between the 50 per cent of Mr. Barber and the 52 per cent of Mr. Mr Healey) to approved spending on the arts? Can we be certain the money would be less well spent for the community in any meaning

Yours faithfully, JOHN LETTS, Chairman. National Heritage, 202 Great Suffolk Street, SE1.

Hambone Chorus From Mr John Hall Sir. My first introduction to Bernard Levin's "Hambone Chorus" and, indeed, to Faust, was at school in

1934. Our version was: Our soldiers Eating bread and jam' and continued

"They like it better than eggs and ham." Yours sincerely, JOHN HALL, 31 Epple Road, SW6

From Miss E. Simpson Sir, I am indebted to Mr Levin tor my musical education via your nev spaper but whence came he by his strange intelligence regarding funct? The "Hambone Chorus has ever been "Our Tomca Svallowed a Kangaroo". regarding Tomcar

Yours faithfully. E. STMPSON. 105 Boyds Walk, Dukinfield, Cheshire. December 11.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 13: The Queen this morning received The Sultan Qaboos hin Said of Oman. Her Majesty also received the Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman (His Excellency Mr Nassir

The Lord Goronwy-Roberts
(Parliamentary Under-Secretary
of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present. Mr R. C. Hope-Junes (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extra-ordinary and Plenipotentiary at La Pazi and Mrs Hope-Jones had the honour of being received by The

Queen. Sir Bergard Ledwidge (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extra-ordinary and Plenipotentiary at Tel Aviv) and Lady Ledwidge had the honour of being received by The Queen.

His Excellency Mr Jack
Hamilton Warren was received in

farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as High Commis-sioner for Canada in London. The Prince of Wales this morning arrived at Bangor, Gwynedd, the Royal Train. His Royal Highness visited the Marine Science Laboratories at Menai Bridge and Jater took the Chair at a Meeting of The Prince of Wales' Committee for Wales

at University College of North wales, Bangor.
The Prince of Wales this afternoon presided at Session 1 of an Interpretive Seminar in connexion with The Prince of Wales' Committee for Wales at Univer-sity College of North Wales,

Bangor.
Squadron-Leader David Checketts was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 13: The Duke of
Cloucester was present at the
twenty-first anniversary Luncheon
of the Modular Society at the
Savoy Hotel today.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland
was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE SI JAMES'S PALACE.

December 13: The Duchess of
Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief, today
took the Army Catering Corps
Passing Out Parade at the Army
Apprentices College, Aldershot.

Miss Jane Pugh was in attendance

The Countess of Iveagh gave birth to a son on Thursday in Dublin.

Mr Humphrey Berkeley much re-grets that he was unable to attend the funeral of Dame Kathleen Courtney on December 11, since he was abroad at that time.

Mr Richard Henry Aufrere-Dawson sends fond regards and love to kind relatives and friends for Christmas and the New Year. Davies, of Avebury, Wiltshire, and Carolyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N. G. Batcheller, of Oare, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

25 years ago From The Times of Wednesday,

December 14, 1949 The Aga Khan, in a speech read at the Gimcrack Dinner at York last night, said that prize money for most of the races run in England was a miserable pittance compared with what was offered the France. He predicted that within the lifetime of most of the old men present the British bloodstock industry, in which Great Britain pionship Trophy to the Worcesterhad the monopoly, would disappear unless the racing authorities acted. | ingham Palace on December 18.

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Dolls, a study of their history and development, 1750-1970. Bethnal Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, 10-6. xhibition: The Athapaskans, straugers of the North, The Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 10-5. London Walk: A place for all seasons—More's Chelsea, meet Sloane Square Underground

Concert of Christmas music and carois by the Elysian Concert Society, Hornsey Town Hall, Crouch End Broadway, 7.30.

Strength of the Church is in its parishes By Eric Treacy Bishop of Wakefield

All my ministry until 1961, when became a bishop, was spent as a parish priest. Since I have been a bishop. I have been in close and daily connect with parochial clergymen. Which leads me to say that the real strength of the Church of England is in its parishes. At of England is in its parishes. At that level, the Church is con-siderably stronger than is generally realized; it is my firm belief that no body of men is contributing more to the stability and moral foundations of the nation than the parochial clergy.

We may change the machinery. we may alter the externals, but the ministry remains basically the same. The ministry of word and sacrament ; the prophetic, pastoral, and priestly functions of the and priestly functions of the clergy. It is the man on the beat who matters. The parson going about his work day by day in his parish is the man on whom the Church depends. And all the efforts of the Church must be directed towards the care and encouragement of the man on the

In spite of what is said about the weakening of the Church's life in modern times, the parish, and all that pertains to lt, is deeply embedded in the life of England. The clergyman is still wanted and needed, as any bishop discovers beat.

and Miss P. E. Rutherford Hayles
The engagement is announced
between Lord Binning, only son
of the Earl and Countess of Had
dington, and Prudence Elizabeth,
younger daughter of Mr and Mrs
Rutherford Hayles.

Forthcoming

Mr 1. de B. Ashworth

marriages

Lord Binning

Мопасо.

Dr J. L. Maddison and Miss A. D. Lawrie

Mr T. F. Thomson and Mrs L. Hardern

Tomorrow

The engagement is announced between Tommy Thomson, of Milnthorpe Heights, Sleepers Hill,

Winchester, Hampshire, and Lilian Hardern, widow of Leslie Hardern, of Tansy Hollow, Monkmead Lane, West Childington, or Pulborough,

shire County Cricket Club at Buck

Exhibition of portrait drawings,

illustrating the development of portraiture from the fifteenth century to the present day, British Museum, 2.30-6.

Carol festival in aid of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, RAF Church, St Clement Danes,

Carol Festival, Trafalgar Square,

City Walk: Bankside—Shake-speare's London, meet South-wark Cathedral steps, London Bridge, 3.

should he propose not to appoint to a vacant parish. The Institution of a new vicar remains a matter of local importance, even to those

who are not church people. In the parishes of England, quiet, devoted and sacrificial work is being done by men who are struggling with poverty, whose wives are coping, often, with unmanageable houses: men who are faithfully preaching the Gospel, ministering the sacraments, and caring, in sickness and in health, for their parishioners.

Reports proliferate about deployment, patronage, reorganization, the appointment of bishops; theologians confuse the simplicities of the faith by challenging the doctrines of the Creeds; the pompous meanderings of the General Synod have less and less relevance to what goes on in the parishes.

Unshaken by all this, thousands of parochial clergy carry on quietly, saying their prayers, visiting the sick, burying the dead, consoling the bereaved, absolving the penitents, comforting the troubled, raising the money to keep their parishes going, meeting increased demands for the church outside

casuals who knock on the vicarage

In the midst of all this, they must sustain that life of the spirit which is the authentication of their ministry. If this were not enough, the church in its efforts to reorganize itself to meet the problems of financial and manpower shortages, combines adjacent parishes, and adds two, three, and sometimes four parishes to the care of one incumbent. Already there are signs that these crushing pastoral hurdens are beyond burdens are beyond human strength to carry, with the result that men are breaking down in health.

The indignant reaction of the clergy to a suggestion recently made by a lunatic fringe that there should be a clergy trade union speaks volumes for the spirit of undemanding service of these men in, and under. Holy Orders. Perhaps, in the privacy of their homes, they may allow themselves some justified self-pity at the end of a long and tirlug day, but, in public, there is no complaining, and they labour on in a spirit which is beyond praise in times when the "Rate for the Job" is the theme song of the working population. The indignant reaction of the

couragement. Praise where it is due puts new life into a tired Pray for your parson that he may not run short of the energy of mind, spirit and body to do his work.

Take off him as far as in you lies those parochial chores that need not the attention of a man in Holy Orders.

in Holy Orders. See that your parson gets a decent holiday. If he can't afford it, arrange that the means are forthcoming. Resist any pastoral reorganization

which is going to solve the Church's problem at the expense of your incumbent's health.

Ensure that he is properly paid. Diocesan stipends policies can be circumvented by giving him a generous expense allowance and a substantial Easter offering.

And never, never say to him, "Of

a substantial Easter offering.
And never, never say to him, "Of course, Vicar, Sunday is your busy day"!
Finally, the charter of the priest-hood. The man of God will know the place of sacrifice in his life. In his daily life will be seen the Way of the Cross, for he will know that there is no salvation without sacrifice: that self-daniel and salf. sacrifice; that self-denial and self-renunciation are the true marks of priesthood. His life will be a daily sacrifice of himself in com-pany with the sacrifice of his Master, who made a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and sufficient for the date of the and satisfaction for the sins of the

OBITUARY

SIR EDWARD MAUFE Architect of Guildford Cathedral

lege, Oxford, where he took his degree of MA. He was articled to William Pite and also

studied at the Architectural Association. During the 1914-

18 War he served as lieutenant

in the Royal Artillery in Salonika. His earlier works in-

clude several country houses and gardens—Kelling Hall, Nor-

Yorkshire; and Little Rooth-

ing, Essex, among them; monu-ments to Joseph Chamberlain in the crypt of Westminster

Abbey: the third Lord Ches-

ham, at Aylesbury; Sidney Ball at St John's at Bunting-ford; and several buildings for

Lloyds Bank. His earlier work

in churches was mainly in the

way of alterations and redeco-rations, as at St Martin-in-the-Fields, All Saints', Southamp-ton, and St John's, Hackney. In

addition to the churches for the deaf and dumb at Acton and Clapham already men-tioned, he designed the Wes-

leyan Methodist Church at Walworth. His most important

postwar church was the rebuild-

ing after bombing of St Columba's, Pont Street, but this was not one of his happiest

It was in 1932 that Maufe won

day, aged 91, may be described as a designer of churches by conviction, aiming directly at the creation of a religious atmosphere. In past centuries the designer of churches worked to explicit terms of reference, determined by the spirit of the age. The idea that the archi-tect himself can, so to speak, put the religion into the church comparatively modern. Maufe contributed much to the realization of this idea, which must be borne in mind if his work, with its merits and defects, is to be properly ciated

The merits are those of ex-treme sensibility and refined taste in the designer, coupled with a clear view of practical requirements. The defects can be summed up by saying that Maufe's churches are apt to look a little self-consciously religious—the architectural equivalent of the "parsonical equivalent of the "parsonical voice". Maufe was nevertheless, aware of risks attending the responsibility of the contemporary church architect. He once said that the churches of the Gothic Revival, although he recognized the great merits of some of them, were "rather like museum specimens". "Our danger now", he added, "is not one of dead replicas. "is not one of dead replicas, but of forms built merely in revolt, of stunt architecture, of building primarily to surprise."

Both these dangers he avoided in his own work, which rose in quality in proportion as the requirements were definite.

the requirements were definite. Good examples are the two churches he designed for the Royal Association in Aid of the Deaf and Dumb: St Saviour's, East Acton, and St Bede's, Clapham. In these everything is considered with regard to the needs of a congregation that can see but cannot hear. The East window is eliminated, artificial lights are screened from the congregation so as to throw their light forward, the still farther than Sir Giles' floor is raked as in a theatre. Scott's building. Of concrete It would seem that in his pre-construction, it is faced with floor is raked as in a theatre. It would seem that in his preoccupation with these practical requirements all that the architect had of religious feeling and artistic taste was released to operate unconsciously, and the result is singularly impressible. The cathedral stands on

the competition for Guildford Cathedral Cruciform in plan, with shallow transepts providing for a great open space at the crossing under the central tower, and with the roof lines of nave and chancel at the same level, Guildford bears some resemblance to Liverpool, that it is symmetrical in side as well as in end view, but it carries the simplification of Gothic, with the substitution of modelled for linear treatment,

brick and stone. The nave, of seven bays, has tall two-light windows of the lancet type, and

Sir Edward Maufe, RA, sive. On the other hand the agreen mound about 50ft FRIBA, architect of Guildford studio for religious services and the approach from C Cathedral, who died on Thursday, aged 91, may be described Broadcasting House can only steps at intervals and flat be called embarrassing in its avenues. From these approconscious boliness. it builds up to the central t with an effect of monum and slightly austere simpl Maufe was born at Ilkley in 1883 and educated at Wharfedale School and St John's Col-

thoroughly characteristic o architect. Later works by Maufe inc buildings for Trinity and John's colleges, Cambridge Balliol and St John's coll Oxford (of which last he wa honorary Fellow), the Fee Theatre, Cambridge, the house, Oxford, the rebuilding a scholarly neo-Georgian of the war-damaged M Temple and of Gray's Inn-made him an honorary M of the Bench), and memo at Tower Hill (an extension the earlier memorial Lutyens) and at Runnymede was chief architect and arr adviser to the Imperial Graves Commission. Alth he belonged to the old scho historical reminiscence he always open minded, being example, one of the judges gave first prize to Sir I Spence's design in the com

tion for Coventry Cathedr.
He was elected ARA in 1
RA in 1947, and was knigi
in 1954. He received the R
Gold Medal for architectur-1944. Maufe was a tall, rem ably handsome man of alr episcopal appearance charming manners. In his w he was an exceedingly grac dancer, and when he and wife took the floor there always a circle of admirer. He married Gladys Prude daughter of Edward Stutchh the Geological Survey India, and had one son I. Maufe, who is an experien interior decorator, often at ted her husband in his we

Lady Mary Alexander, fo erly Lady of the Bedchambe. Queen Mary and widow of Ulick Alexander, PC, G GCVO, CMG, OBE, died December 11 at the age of She was the youngest daugh of the fifth Marquess of B and her first marriage to third Baron Nunburnholme dissolved. She married Sir Ul Alexander in 1947. He died

Memorial service

Miss K. E. M. Cooper Abbs Miss K. E. M. Cooper Abbs
A memorial service for Miss Kathleen Cooper Abbs was held in
York Minster on Tuesday. Canon
R. Cant, Chancellor, officiated,
assisted by the Rev A. J. McMullen
and the Rev Henry Stapleton. The
Dean of York and Father Richard
ffield (representing the Abbot of
Ampleforth) were in the Quire.
Viscount Ingleby read the lesson
and Mr McMullen gave an
address. The choir of St John's
College, York, was conducted by
Dr David Lang and the organist

were representatives of the
National Trust, the National Art.
Nordical Trust, the National Art.
Women, the Keep Britain Tidy
Group, the North Yorkshire
Rural Community Council, the
York Anglo-Scandinavian Society,
the York Diocesan Advisory Committee, Northallerton Grammar
School, the Order of the Holy Paraclere, Whitty and tenants of the
Ingleby Arnchiffe Estate.

was Dr Francis Jackson. The blessing was pronounced by the Bishop of Whitby. Among those present were representatives of the National Trust, the National Art.

Guild of the Nineteen Lubricators

The traditional festival service the Guild of the Nineteen Lui cators was held yesterday at Church of St Margaret, We minster. The Right Rev Dr Geor Reindorp, Bishop of Salisbury, v

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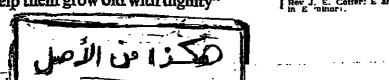
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St Paul's railings: The Dean of St Paul's, the Very Rev Martin Sullivan, tightening a finial of the eighteenth-century cast-iron railings around the cathedral yesterday to mark completion of railings around the cathedral yesterday to mark completion of the task of moving them to enclose more of the churchyard.

Association of Economic Repre-sentatives in London

Institution of Highway Engineers

The annual luncheon of the Insti-tution of Highway Engineers took

nution of Highway Engineers took place yesterday at Grosvenor House. Mr Maurice Milne, president, was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Anthony Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Robert Dougail, president, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Lord Widgery
The Lord Chief Justice, Lord
Widgery, welcomed the guests at
a reception held on Thursday at
the House of Lords to celebrate
the publication of Crime, Criminology and Public Policy, essays
in honour of Sir Leon
Radzinowicz, published by Heinemann. Amone the guests were:

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Recentions

£240,000 paid for Louis XVI table and cartonnier By Geraldine Norman pseudonyms. A Louis XVI table a ecrire made by J. F. Leleu for Mme Victoire brought £92,000 (estimate £50,000 to £100,000)

Sale Room Correspondent
French furniture and works of art
from one of the greatest English
collections to be formed in the
past half-century were sold at
Sotheby's yesterday for a total of
£901,160. The collector was Lady
Baillie, who died in September.
The most outstanding piece was a
Louis XVI library table and marching cartomier, which brought an ing cartonnier, which brought an auction record price of £240,000. auction record price of £240,000.

Lady Baillie was the daughter of Lord Queenborough, wife of Sir Adrian Baillie and consin of Mr John Hay Whitney, United States ambassador to the United Kingdom from 1956 to 1961. As a young woman she bought Leeds Castle in Kent, one of England's oldest inhabited and most beautiful castles. Restoring and furnishing the castle became something of a life work. Yesterday's sale included a few of the best pieces from the

few of the best pieces from the castle and most of the contents of her London house, Lowndes House, in Lowndes Square, Belgravia. The library table and cartonnier are in ebony with superb ormolu mounts. They are among the earliest pieces of Neo-Classical furniture to survive. There are some six or so similar pieces in existence, but these are probably the finest in private hands.

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They belonged to the Duc de Choiseul. Louis XV's Prime Minister, and were bought in 1796 by the first Lord Malmesbury.

The previous auction record for furniture was £190,000 for a silvermounted Augsburg suite, which was sold last year. That was also from Lady Baillie's collection. The table and cartonnier were bought vesterday by an anonymous vesterday by an anonymous foreign collector.

Ambassadors, High Commissioners, members of both Houses of Parliament, members of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Diplomatic Corps; the Duke and Duchess of St Albens, the Marquess and Marchoness of Bristol. Mr Norman Harmelli, and Fleid Marshal Sir Gerald and Lady Templer.

Royal College of Surgeons of

England
On the occasion of the annual meeting in Exeter of fellows and members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, fellows and other diplomates and their ladies were entertained by the City of Exeter and Exeter University at a town and gown reception at the university yesterday. Afterwards a dinner arranged by the college took place at the university. The presi-

dinner arranged by the college took place at the university. The president of the college, Mr Rodney Smith, accompanied by Mrs Smith, was in the chair. Mr Richard Franklin, vice-president of the college, the Mayor of Exeter and Viscount Amory, chancellor of the university, also spoke.

Old Latymerian Association

Dinners

England

from an anonymous buyer. A Louis XV mantel clock composed of Chinese porcelain figures and ormolu made a record auction price for a clock at £38,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000) and was bought under a pseudonym by an Italian dealer.

Another anonymous purchaser paid 555,000 (estimate £60,000 to £80,000) for a pair of Louis XIV Boulle membles d'appui. A pair of huge Louis XVI milpwood parquetre and white lacours appuired.

of huge Louis XVI fullpwood parquetry and white lacquer armoires made £28,000 (estimate £50,000 to £80,000); the buyer was again anonymous. Perhaps the most astonishing price was the anonymous £30,000 (estimate £800 to £1,000) for a large mother-of-pearl and ormolu tollet mirror.

Sotheby's had started the day with a mixed property furniture someby's had started the day with a mixed property furniture sale and bought in a set of four tapestries of the continents ordered by Louis XVI for George Washington at £220,000. The estimate had been £150,000 to £250,000.

Christie's sale of fine pictures

by Old Masters saw several prices running well beyond expectations. The top price was £19,950 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000) for four views of Tuscany by Louis Gauffier, two of them dated 1797.

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The purchaser, was Julius Weitzner, the London dealer. The Weltzner, the London dealer. The Gauffier views were among six lots sent for sale by the abbot and chapter of Glenstal Abbey. Co Limerick. They had been hoping to raise £10,000 for renovation of the abbey but their pictures realized £28,770. Another of their surprises was "Tobias curing his father of his blindness", catalogued by Christie's as by "C. Vignon"; estimated at £500, it made £4,410.

Collingwood of Conduit Street | Requiem Mass Association of Economic Representatives in London

The Association of Economic Representatives in London gave a luncheon at the Dorchester hotel gesterday. Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was the guest of bonour, and the chairman, Mr A. K. Mladenov (Bulgaria) received the guests.

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The directors of Collingwood of Conduit Street Limited held a reception on Thursday might to reciprocate the hospitality was celebrated by Mgr Bardett in Westminster Cathedral yesterday. Father Peter Levi, SJ, gave an address. Among those present were:

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Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir York Beverley, 79; Sir Thomas Bromley, 63; Lord Erskine of Retrick, 81; General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick, 62; Sir Walter Godfrey, 67; Major-General F. C. C. Graham, 66; Sir Cyril Harrison, 73; Judge Sir Ian Lewis, 49; Sir Thomas Macdonald, 76; Air Vice-Marshal F. G. S. Miechell, 73; Dame Ruth Rallton, 59; Colonel Sir Cennydd Traherne, 64; Professor Alfred Ubbelohde, 67.

TOMORROW: Mr H. M. Abrahams. 75; Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst, 79; Professor V. H. Galbraith, 85; Mr Paul Getty, 82; Miss Ida Haendel, 50; Sir Henry Hardman, 69; Sir Eugene Meiville, 63; General Sir William Morgan, 83; Mr Ivor Newton, 82; Lieutenant-General Sir Sydney Rowell, 80; Sir Kenneth Younger, 66.

The annual dinner of the Old Latymerian Association was held at the Connaught Rooms last night. Mr W. T. C. Sharp was in the chair and among the principal speakers were the headmaster of Latymer Upper School, Mr M. L. R. Isazc, and the school contain, Martyn Hallet, CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 12.10, Parish Continued in 10; Chural Encharts 6.301, Prebendary Harold Loasby 6.30, GROSVENOR CHAPEL South Audier Street: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucherist, 11, Cashali, Sung Eucherist, 11, Cashali

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ST MARY'S, Bryanston Square: HC.
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Miller: E, 0.50, the Rector.
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Lord always: E, 6.30.
ST MICHAEL'S. Chester Square: HC.
8.15, 12.15, 7.15 pm. M, 11, Rev G.
Baynes Clarke; 6. Rev E. G. H. Saunders.

ST PAUL'S. Willon Piere. Knightsbridge: HC, 8. 9. SE. 11. Father John Charles.

ST PAUL'S. Robert Adam Street: M. 11. Sishop Goodwin Husdon; 6.30. Candielight Carrol Service.

ST PETER'S. Eaton Square: HC. Sing Ducharist. 11. (Wood. Iolian mode.) Mot. This is the record John (Gibbons), Rev M. J. G. Mairos Simon Zelotes. Cheises: HC. 8, Parish Communion: E. 11. Rev M. J. G. Candielight. E. 6.30. Carols by Candielight. S. S. Gioucester Road: Li. 7. St. HM. 11. Missa Seraphica (Buryess), Rev Hortver, Moore: E and 8. 6. Rev Richard Hayes.

ST VEDAST, Foster Line: SM. 11. Wachet auf (Bach). Commission. ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland). Pont Street: 11. Rev Dr J. Fraser McLaskay: Carol Service. 6.30. CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland). Russell Street. Covent Garden: 11.15. Rev J. Millet Scott: 6.30. Festival of Nine Leasons and Carols.

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8, 9, 12, 5.30 and 7. HM. 10.30, V and B. 5.30.
THE ORATORY, SW: SM. 11, Messe basse (Faurt: V and B. 5.30, Met. Veni Domine (Mendelssohn).
ASSUMPTION. Warwick St: SM. 11
(Latin: Missa brevia (Selber).
ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM 6
pm. Missa Santti Partial (de Klerk), Veni Domine (Moroline).
THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: LM. 7. 8, 9, 10 and 12, Father Peter Simph). 4.15, 6.50 and 7.30 pm. Sung Missa Line (Marchine). Simon), 4.15. 6.30 and 7.30 pm, Sung Mass, 11.

REGENT SOUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Taythock Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins, KENSINGTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian / Congregational), Allen Street: 11. Rev E. G. Micklem, CENTRAL HALL. Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett.

METROPOLITAN (Spurgeon's) Baptist Church, Elephant and Casie: 11 and 6.30, Dr Peter Masters.

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CITY TEMPLE, Holbern Vladuct: 11 and 6.50, Dr Kenneth Slack.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL. Beckingham Gate: 11 and 6.50. Roy A. A. Davies.
WESTLEY'S CHAPEL. meeting at St marily's Lindquis Hill: 11 (HC). Roy Allen Rirtwhistic.
ESSEX CHURCH (Unitariam) Komsington (Temporary). St Mary Abbots Church Hall. Vicarage Gate: 11.15 Rev E. W. Phillips.
FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (Quakos), 52 St Martin's Lane: 11.

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By John Woodcock

Cricket Correspondent

Perth, Western Australia, Dec 13

ooking's return gives West Ham England fall through mething else to smile about

di has not been a smiling or so long that it was g yesterday to hear Joha e West Ham United nim-West Ham United management his team's emergs season as a matter of 13 ourselves.". Even this ig ourselves". Even this have heard Derby County some bitter comments teir dismissal from the p in Yugoslavia, so Mromment was nice to come

brings a test of West numour and their new liciency when they play fanchester City, the team them 4—0 on the openof the season. Ten of the players beaten on that day will be representing a today when the weather older but the atmosphere older but the atmosphere bly warmer. Since that Mr Lyall has taken over user of the team and the whole spirit from 1 be will be to strong attor without losing the 1 gature of their play, it taken 22 points from 1 to the benefit of the af.

ill said yesterday; " lt's uestion of experience and e for players like Day, ylor and Coleman. They ad the ability. Now they ed the experience to use full and winning is bound a younger player's coull-His own introduction of Luton Town must be considered

Jennings and Robson have brought the best from these players and Paddon and Gould have formed a notable partnership.

The magnetism of the match is strengthened by the return to the West Ham team of Brooking in midfield and that could possibly be the decisive issue. At the end the winners could go to the tup of the league. West Ham are fifth and Manchester Chy third, one point behind Stoke City. Manchester City had intended to recall Corrigan in goal but he has burt his back and MacRae has to face the highest scoring forward line in the first division.

Stoke themselves cannot be too optimistic about their chances of

Stoke themselves cannot be too optimistic about their chances of remaining out in front because today they go to meet the quickly improving Leeds side. They hope to have Smith back in defence but even a draw would not be unwelcome on this occasion. Leeds have Giles resuming at the point of the compass from which they form their attacks.

The second placed team, Everton, may find Derby County in a mood to put on one of their better exhibitions after defeat in Europe. Derby are, in my view, the most effective and attractive team in the championship—on their day. Unfortunately those days are numbered in low figures. Everton, without Dobson, and Everton, without Dobson, and Derby without Flector and Nish, could cancel each other out

though not, I suspect, in a negative way. Sudden

inevitable relegation victims and will find the going even more difficult because of the tight vituation at the other end of the table. The leading chubs will feed off their misfortune. Liverpool, for instance, know that by beating Luton at Anfield today they could regain their position at the top provided Stoke, Everton and Manchester City all lose away from home—not an unreasonable sequence of results in this season of such poor away records. Liverpool have not won for eight matches and cannot include Keunedy who has a groin infury. Toshack or Boersma will replace him. Luton have nothing to lose by bringing in a new forward, King, who has not played for the senior team before.

Queen's Park Rangers, dangerously close to the bottom three clubs, have decided that potentially their best player, Bowles is also having an unsettling effect on the team, who play Sheffield United at Loftus Road without him. Bowles, who is on the transfer list, is relegated to the reserves because, as the manager, David Sexton, explained: "I think it is better all round if we have players in the side who want to play for Rangers." Bowles will be on the transfer list for a month but has agreed to stay with the club if there are no offers within that time. Mr Sexton said: "It is vital we all pull together. If Bowles comes off the list things might alter." Just another of the many its and buts in this strange season.

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today's second round of ip most of the non-league agers said most of the bings and one said it Chapman, of Stafford who play against Halia David and Goliath

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k pitches and crates of e for players who usually dictories with Wimpy and Newport Pagnell. Five ubs have already been the first round and quite re could fall today. One Preston North End who ared in seven Cup finals one managed by Robby now managed by Bobby He has spent the week s team on a narrow pitch size to Bishop Auckland's Shies is suspended—a ment or perhaps a relief

mous FA Amateur Cup ring a crowd of 9,500. be at Wigan where about cople will see whether

than any other League side and have scored 48 goals. Kettering, who also have visions of joining the 92 at the end of this season. have a tie that on face value would seem an easier task than that in prospect for Wigan. They go to Wimbledon, unbeaten in 24 games Wimbledon, unbeaten in 24 games and probably a better team than Swansea City, the club Kettering beat in the first round. Geoffrey Vowden took over as Kettering's manager this weck and this will be the first time he has seen the

team play. Leatherhead, at home to Coichester United who beat Carlisle United and Southampton in the League Cup this season, are sur-prised to find that they can have their best foot forward in the form of Kelly, a goalscoring winger, who had a cartilage oper-ation only a month ago but was yesterday given permission to play. It now depends on whether the club's manager decides to risk Kelly at a time when several Kelly at a time when several league sides have shown an in-

terest in the player. He will prob-ably use his "star" as substitute. ilford have never reached the second round of the FA Cup before and hope to attract 12,000 for the visit of their Essex countymen, the most significant re- Southend United. Wycombe Wanderers are rather more experienced at these heights of the competition, and their opponents, Bournefavourites to join the
can equal the ability of
h division leaders, Mans-

and the other—some 10 feet—because they have a former Wycombe defender in Delaney who is made captain for the day. Mead, the Wycombe central defender, has recovered from an ankle injury

recovered from an ankle injury and is expected to play, but Bournemouth cannot include O'Rourke, who is injured.

The club with the champagne already on ice are Maidstone, away to Swindon Town. Their manager said: "We look forward to a good draw in the next round." At the end of the day at least two non-league clubs must go through to the next round, because Wimto the next round, because Wim-bledon and Kettering and Altrinc-ham and Gateshead meet each

New date for Luton

Luton Town have rearranged their home league match with Everton for Saturday, January 25, 3 pm subject to neither being in the FA Cup. The fixture was post-poned on November 23 because of a waterlogged pitch.

Yesterday's results Fourth division

Southport (0) 2 Reading 122121 CAIRO: African clubs championshin, second log Benaissance Algion (Congo) beat Mehall (Egypt), 2-1. Renaissance won 6-3 on aggregate. RUGBY UNION: Schools match: St George, Weybridge 33, Hardye's O. RUGBY LEAGUE: Second division: Barrow. Batley 10: Whitehaven 16, Huyton 7.

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'orrespondent Rossborough (Covenny). ter (Moseley) and Keith undhay) have pulled out nd's second area trial North and Midlands at y this afternoon. This mong other things, that Hare, who was England's in their last true interin their last two intergets a chance after all to he selectors about his

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North that their side lost by the unseemly margin of 53-12.

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A repetition of that seems unlikely today, but the North pack, with four British Lions, still looks much the likelier combination. Moreover, they have made three probably shrewd changes. White, of Gosforth, is a powerful scrummager at house-head prop; Hryschko, the hooker, has done solid work for Yorkshire; and Beaumont has been one of the up-and-coming lock forwards for some while.

I suggested last week, before the r suggested last week, before the first area trial, that not more than perhaps four of those then on view could book themselves a ticket for the floal test at Twickenham next Saturday Admits ham next Saturday. A similar count among today's performers produces a good round dozen, which should confirm where England's current strength lies.

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(New Brighton), P. J. Squires
(Harrogate); A. G. B. Old (Middlesbrough), S. Smith (Sale);
C. White (Gosforth), P. Hryschko
(Wakefield), F. E. Cotton
(Coventry, capt), R. M. Uttley
(Gosforth), W. Beaumont
(Fylde), P. J. Dixon (Gosforth),
J. Shipsides (Wilmslow), A.
Neary (Broughton Park).

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Sprague and Yuncken; and Studdart from this year's Oxford Boat Race winning crew. Also six Purples (London University's uear equivalent to a Blue by definition at Oxbridge), including one coxswain and three from the Tyrian eight, runners-up to University College, Dublin, in the Ladies' Plate at Henley this year.

The Tyrians' count would have been four but for the absence of Daton, who was injured with a cut finger during the week, lead-

cut finger during the week, leading to a hasty reshuffle and change in his crew. But these last-minute changes included the infusion of Keron in the stroke seat and led to the winning trial eights crew yesterday.

Keron, with the Oxford Blue,

Stoddart on board, on the Middle-

sex station took three minutes to clear the other two eights and finished two lengths and a half ahead of their nearest opponents. Another oarsman to catch the eye

Another carsman to catch the eye in Keron's crew was the 14 st Townsend backing Keron at seven. London University's aim "is to produce this year an international four and two eights of Thames Cup and Ladies' Plate finalist calibre." They have considerable

lead Richmond

By Peter West It is heartening news for the England selectors that Raiston, the England selectors that Ralston, the England and British Lions lock, whose knee injury has kept him out of action for a month, returns to lead Richmond this afternoon in their home match against Rosslyn Park at the Athletic ground. Nor will Middlesex be sorry to see him busy again: they meet Surrey in the first of the play-off matches in the southeast group of the county championship next Wednesday. It has now been agreed that this will be an evening fixture under the Esher club floodlights. The winners will then face Eastern Counties to will then face Eastern Counties to decide the regional title.

Raiston's England and Middlesex colleague, Ripley, has to miss today's game through a minor fracture of a finger joint. Richmond beat the Park 16-10 under the Rochampton lights last month. Martin, the Harlequins' captain Martin, the Harlequins' captain and a candidate for one of the lock forward positions in England's final trial, has gone down with pneumonia and is reported to be out of the game for four or five weeks. He misses today's match against Bedford at Twickenham. The partner for the All Black Whiting in the second row will now be Edimann, who played so well notably in the lineout for Cambridge in the university match. Harlequins hoped to have the help of O'Callaghan the Cambridge

Harlequins hoped to have the help of O'Callaghan the Cambridge and New Zealand three-quarter, but he has had a recurrence of hamstring trouble. It looked as if he must have been suffering a tweak from it last Tuesday when he made one break at well below his customary pace.

But for the England trial, the Coventry-Llanelli affair at Coundon Road—involving as it does the knockout champions of England and the Welsh Cup winners— must have been the match of the day.

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Altrincham v Galeshead

Illord v Southend (2.9) Leatherhead v Colchester (2.15) ... Newport v Walsafi (3.15) Peterborough v Charlton

Cambridge Harriers Open 7 miles (a) Bexley, 2.50: Squash rackets

to brilliant catching

it would be nice to say that in adversity England made a good fighting start to the second Test match here today, but I am afraid they did not. After being put in by Australia, in cloudy weather, they were bowled out for 208 after laying quite a promising founda-tion. To complete a depressing day, Redpath was dropped at first slip by Fletcher in the one over there was time for when Australia

went in-a sharp, low chance off What made England's score particularly disappointing was that batting, if not aveasy as it can be out here, was appreciably less difficult than in Brisbane. The hall moved about a little, perhaps its bounce was not as even as it usually is in Perth. But the pitch was of the easiest pace, and it was possible, all day, to watch Thomson bowling without fearing that at any moment he would knock someone's head off. How Australia managed to get England out today was by some brilliant catching—each catch was more glorious than the last—and because of some wretchedly bad strokes.

Luckhurst, Lloyd and Cowdrey, the white hope, were all out after doing the hard work, none of them to difficult balls. Denness played the poorest of shots in the first over after tea, Greig a not much better one in the over after that. After Knott and Titmus had repaired a little of the damage, with a seventh wlcket partnership of 64, the last four wickets fell in 12 balls, two to long hops and one to a run out.

Halfway through the afternoon ball moved about a little, perhaps

By staying for 85 minutes, Luckhurst had done a good job. Cowdrey, who had been keen to bat at number three, was cheered most of the way to the wicket, which suggested that the Austral-

to Underwood. Arnold has been having a poor tour. Underwood a good one, not least with the bat. It amounted to a gamble upon winning the toss and sending Australia in, in the hope that Arnold would swing the ball about. With Titmus having precedence over Underwood as the second spinner to Greig, England had both their "veterans" in the side—Cowdrey who will be 42 on Christmas Eve and Titmus, who was 42 last month. As things are likely to develop, Underwood will be missed, unless the weather behaves in an unusual way.

The first three people I spoke

be missed, unless the weather behaves in an unusual way.

The first three people I spoke to at the ground this morning were John Snow, Frank Tyson and Graham McKenzie. They all sounded as though they would like to have had the chance to bowl. Yet the lack of pace in the pitch was snon evident. The curator predicted it, having been obliged to cover overnight against a forecast of rain. Only when the ball was banged in short were Thomson and Lilice at all fearsome and through the day they bowled fewer bumpers than in Brishane. Lloyd and Luckhurst were nothing if not resolute. Luckhurst was also lucky. The fifth ball of Thomson's first over hit Luckhurst on the knuckle. An X-ray examination after he was out showed nothing to have been broken, which made a change, but it was off the edge that he got most of his runs. In Lillee's fifth over he had three fours, two through the slips, and one to fine leg, which could have gone almost anywhere. In Luckhurst's 27 there were six fours, the hest of them a square drive off Walker. Ironically, the best but he made was the one he was out to, a slash off the back foor which Mallett caught well in the gully.

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which suggested that the Australian press and the Australian public saw his selection in a very different light. His reception from Walker was a good deal less friendly. He survived an appeal for leg-before first ball—a close thing to one that cut back—and he was glad when Walker's over was finished. He was off the mark with a hook for four off Walker soon afterwards. By luncheon, 35 soon afterwards. By luncheon, 35 minutes later, he was settling in not that he had ever seemed anything like as much on edge as



Cowdrey turns to leave the wicket. He had moved across to get behind the line and was bowled behind his legs. Thomson's elation shows. Greig is the other batsman.

batting for 75 minutes, with some serenity, was Thomson let loose serenity, was Thomson ler linose at him. Thomson tested him ar once with a bouncer, at which Cowdrey ducked with time to spare. Lloyd, meanwhile, was playing his game, not assertively but well enough for his dismissal at 99, beautifully caught at second slip, low to Greg Chappell's left, to be a surprise.

Greig had made a cavalier start by the time Cowdrey was out. His first ball from Thomson he wafted away, high over the slips for four. For the first time in the series

For the first time in the series Thomsun was hooked. Cowdrey doing so not quite off the middle. When Cowdrey hooked at him again he played too soon and was hit on the chest. This was one of hit on the chest. This was one of Cowdrey's rare moments of discomfort, though it had no bearing. I think, on his being out in Thomson's next over, bowled behind his legs. In his determination to get behind the line, Cowdrey went across too far and missed the flick off his toes.

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Fletcher played one good cut for four off Thomson before being caught in the gully, failing to get into line against Lillee. Denness played one decent on drive off Lillee before being caught at slip, sparring at a short ball from Lillee.

Not until Cowdrey had been atting for 75 minutes, with some trentry, was Thomson let loose him. Thomson tested him at made no difference. When, in the next over, Greig was picked up in the gully, failing to get on top of a shortich hall from Walter all the a shortish ball from Walker, all the batsmen were gone. Greig's arro-gance, while admirable in one way, was hazardous in another.

Number 10 for Middlesex, Titmus came in at number eight for England. He gave Knott his head and Knott, as he can, made it all look a lot easier than most of the others. England batted today, and others. England batted today, and ran between wickets, as though suffering the after effects of Brisbane. Greig. Cowdrey and Knott were exceptions. It was Walters, though, who broke the partnership between Knott and Tilmus. Coming on for any over or two before the flow Knott and Titmus. Coming on for an over or two before the new ball, he had Knott caught in the gully, just as Luckhurst had been and Titmus later was. Old, clipping lan Chappell off his legs, was miraculously caught at short leg by brother Greg, left-handed and in retreat. Arnold was run out, falling to slide his bat in when going for a second run to Walters; Redpath, diving to his right, caught Titmus, leaving one to wonder when England will bat again as England should.

Test scorecard ENGLAND: First innings Lloyd. c G. Chappell,

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Walker
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Total FALL OF WICKETS: 1—34.2-3—113, 4—128, 5—132, 6—132.1974, 8—201 9—202, 10—208. 1974, \$\frac{8}{2}\cup 9 \rightarrow 202, 10 \rightarrow 208.

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New Delhi, Dec 13.—Today was a rest day in the second Test match here between India and West Indies. In reply to India's first innings of 229, West Indies have scored 378 for seven.—

Squash rackets

in 12 balls, two to long hops and one to a run out.

Halfway through the afternoon the score was 99 for one. Lloyd and Cowdrey had added 55, and if Cowdrey had become rather bogged down, that was due partly to the width which Thomson and Lillee bowled. Technically, Cowdrey looked in a different class to anyone else, which, of course, he is. Thomson he handled with time to spare. It was nice and cool for him, too. But no sooner had one dared to have visions of one of the game's heroic innings than there was a crash and a tumble of wickets. Within an hour the score was 132 for six. To the surprise of most people, possibly even the players concerned, England preferred Arnold

Unrated Swede matures at seed's expense

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent
Mikael Hellstrom, aged 24, of
Sweden, came back from two
games down to beat the seventh
seed, Douglas Barrow (South
Africa, in the second round of the
British Amateur squash cickets
championship at Wembley yesterday. Hellstrom haits from Stockholm where he is studying medicine at Lund, a university town

roim where he is studying incur-cine at Lund, a university town near Malmo. He was not good enough to play for Sweden at the imagural European championship 20 months ago, but he has since had some maturing competition, including two brief invasions of the British game.

Barrow, aged 31, has a wealth of street aged 15. of experience and was South African champion in 1971 and 1972. He has not played in Britain since the 1969 world amateur championships and he said yesterday that there were a lot of "new faces". He could hardly have envisaged two successive matches against Swedes, "For their No 1 to come

swedes. "For their No 1 to come up like that and knock me off is a great achievement and a very good thing for world squash. It must do the game a lot of good in Sweden. They must be good enough to send a team to the world championships."

The cold court eventually worked in Helistrom's favour once he lad overcome a nervous start. He hit winners when he needed them. Barrow, who may be just past his peak, began to reach the ball a little too late. This unexpected result meant that two seeds were out of the bottom half, as the third seed, Muneer, failed to turn up from Pakiston. Rumour has it that he is involved in some kind of

he is involved in some kind of disciplinary action but may, in any case, be on the point of turning Weekend fixtures

Hartlepool v Lincoln

Plymouth v Crystal Palace Rochdale v Tranmere Rotherham v Northampton Stafford Rangers v Halifax Swinden v Maidstone Wigan Athletic v Mansfield Wimbledon v Kettering Wycombe Wdrs v Bournemouth ...

SOUTHERN LEAGLE: Prember dietslan. Adherstone v Yeovit: Bath v
Harnet: Cambridge City v Tellord
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v Riddford Canterbury v Poole: Crabley v Rognor Recy: Tolkestone Shep
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Road walking

British Open amateur championship-ial Wembley: BUSF championships (at Hull University).

draw looks wide open. The heneficiary could be a British interuational, Peter Verow, who
yesterday beat the New Zealand
champion, Neven Barbour.

As the fifth seed, Mohamed
Saleem, is quartered with three
more British internationals
(Ayton, Michael Corby and John
Richardson), it seems possible
that the host nation may bave
two men in the last four for
the first time since 1968. The
last British player to reach the
semi-final round was Paul Millman professional. Muneer, who has twice reached the last four, was not the only Pakistmi absentee. Aftab Jawaid, three times champion, also dropped out of the field. Another South African seed was Another South African seed was beaten when David Scott, eighth in the seedings list, was blasted out of the top half by a large left-hander, Kevin Shawcross. This was no surprise to those who had heard about Shawcross. A former Australian junior cham. former Australian junior cham-pion, be comes from Lithgow, a coalming town in New South Wales. Shawcross is 6ft 3in tall, semi-final round was Paul Millman Wales. Shawcross is 6ft 3in tall, weight 14 st 7 lb, and looks as though he was not so much born as chiselled out of granite. He

in 1971. He has lost only one game in two matches at Wembley but must now play Qamar Zaman, the runner-up last year. Yesterday Zaman beat Aladin Allouba in an attractive and excithas never been fitter and one of his first comments on coming off court was the rueful reflection that he would have to be careful ing demonstration of every shot in the book. Zaman was the more imaginative and added to his deft that he would have to be careful with his beer consumption before tomorrow's third round.

His catchweight contest with the slim, nimble and seemingly inexhaustible Scott was a dazzling display of fireworks that exploded for the full distance; and long before that both men had bloodied legs. Shawcross had two match points in the fourth game but needed two more in the fifth (in which Scott led 5—1) before finishing the job with a nicked cross-court forchand—a kill of such blazing violence that it precision a capacity for deception that Allouba (whose grip is so short that part of it embraces naked wood) could not hope to niatch.

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The only surviving South African seed is Selwyn Machet, the runner-up to Philip Ayton in the recent South African championship. Machet has won rwice in spite of the inhibitions imposed on him by damaged ligaments in on him by damaged ligaments in his left foot. With Muncer miss-ing and Machet logically vulner-able, the third quarter of the

Wolverhampton v Burney Sunderland v Millwall

Hockey

England building a tower of World Cup strength McGinn (Southgate), P. A. Mills .

By Sydney Friskin

It was once said that the divi-sional hockey tournament was the most useless exercise since the Tower of Babet. Judgment had seemingly been pronounced because the weather defeated the purpose for which it was intended. The purpose of this event, to be held this year at Derby today and tomorrow, has been made abundantly clear. It is part of England's build-up for the World Cun tournament in Kuala Lumpur from March I to 15. In the pro-cess England's selectors will have a chance of spotting potential

talent. The cream of English hockey will be on view and for the first time seven teams—England, Combined Services, North, South, East, West and Midlands—will rake part. The England side will play four matches, two on each day. Each of the other sides will play two games except Combined Services, who have been restricted. vices, who have been restricted to one.

From an original World Cup party of 24 England have selected 16 for the divisional tournament. Two uncapped players, Brian Dis-bury, of Redditch, and Robin Smith, of Oxton, have been included. Both are forwards of high quality who seem destined for bigger things. for bigger things.

ENGLAND PARTY: D. C. Aldridge (Southgate), R. L. Barker (Old Kingstonians), D. G. Blackmore (Liverpool Sefton), R. Brookeman (Slough), B. J. Cotton (Southgate), B. Disbury (Redditch), P. C. Freitag (Old Kingstonians), S. R. L. Long (Bury St Edmunds YMCA), I. S.

(Cardiff), J. L. Neale (Southgave).
B. M. Purdy (Trojars), R. South (Oxton), P. J. T. Srehl'k (Becken-ham), C. J. C. Whalfey (High-town), D. B. Whitaker (South-

The first match today between North and England should be more than a more curtain ruiser. North have always had a good record in this ingroament and Eur England a serious test in the effection when they meet Fast, a tom-richiv endowed with the best talent from Hertfordshire, the county champions.

South do not have the privilege of meeting England, which is a pity because they are a side who by their zeal and enterprise, can bring out the best in the opposition. The creative powers of Woodbridge and the privileging in the privileging and the privileging to 22. field and the enterprise of Parreft and Walker in strack to end enable them to stand up against the strongest opposition. Their match against North tomerraw should be one of the best in the bournament.

Divisional communicate should leave the London League shorn of much of its usual talent, but some interesting matches are on offer-today, particularly the one le-tween Richmond and Socceer. The programme for the divi-sional tournamem is:

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated FA Cup second round

Bishop Auckland v Preston (2.0) ... Blackburg v Darlington Brighton v Brentford Cambridge U v Hereford Chesterfield v Doncaster (3.15) ... Grimsby v Bury

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE:
Barrow v Buxton; Gaole v Morecymbe:
Great Harwood v Boston Uhliod; Lancastur v Matilock; Mossley v Bangor
City: Runcom v Fieelwood; Scarbrough v Steinerstain; Soult Livepool v Netherfield; Worksop v Macciestield.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE (2.15): Old Harrotians: Old Malvernians; Old Wykelianists v Old Aldenhamians.

First division

Arsenal v Leicester Aston Villa v York First round Carlisle v Chelsea Blackpool v Norwich Inverness Clach v Coventry v Newcastle Bristol C v Nottm Forest Derby v Everton Fulham v West Bromwich

Ipswich v Tottenham Hull City v Southampton Ross County v Brechin (2.15) Liverpool v Luton Notis Co v Bristol Rovers Middlesbrough v Birmingham Oxford U v Cardiff Stenhousemuir v QP Rangers v Sheffield U Portsmouth v Bolton West Ham U v Manchester C Sheffield Wed v Oldham

Third division

Port Vale v Huddersfield Bradford City v Torquay OTHER MATCHES: Aldershot v Crewe v Workington

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: First round (2.15): Old Ardinians v Old Bradfieldsians tell Ardinies; Old Bradfieldsv Olip Carthuctans (a) Brentwood; Old Cholmeleans v Old Flonans (a) High-gate: Lancing OB v Old Wellingburians (a) Lancing; Old Westminsters v Old Foresters (a) Westminsters v Old Foresters (a) Westminsters. ATHENIAN LEAGUE : First division : alion Town v Redhili (2,15): Cheshimi v Grays Athletic: Englourne United v Levion: Erith and Belyeder v Worthing Leitchworth v Mariow: Ward

Judo . National senior trials (at Crystal Palace),

Television highlights

Athletics: Gateshead cross-country

BBC 1

BBC 2

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Illuliup'n Stortford y Wallhamstow Avenus Brumley v Dulwich Hamisto Dagenhau v Barking; Slottigh Town: Villichin Town: Sulton United v Leyvon-stone: Fooling and Mitchape v Kingslonian; Walton and Hersham v Oxford City. Second division: Carehaliun Atlieutt v Tibury Chesham United v Harwich and Parkeston: Croydon v Roreham Wood; Harlow Town v Cormitalian Casuas; Horsham v Horiford Town: St Albans City v Avoley. Athletics Accolade Midland countles open indoor meeting (at Cosford, 71 am).

Second division

Fourth division

Excier v Barnsley

BBC 2-Tomorrow Football: Preview (12.20). Rucing: Ascot races at 12.50, 1.25, 2.0 and 2.30. Cricket : Second Tost match (5.45).

Boxing: Needham v Maguire

(12.55).

Cricket: Second Test match (2.10).

Rugby League: Wigan v Widnes
(2.40, 3.30).

Racing: Nottingham races at Racing: Nottingham races at 1.30. 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0; Catterick (2.55).

Basketball: Clarks Shoemen Tropby (4.5).
Football: Match of the Day (10.10).

Bridge races at 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45, Skiing: St Moritz downhill (3.10). Wrestling: Southend promotion Bridge races at 1.45, 2.15

Wrestling: Southend promotion (4.0).

Football: Preview (12.35).

Scottish FA Cup

Clydebank v Alloa Rugby League

Forfar v St Mirren First division
Hamilton v Meadowbank First division
Wang t Widney 17.00 Oueen's Park v Cowdenbeath

DETSIONAL TOURNAMENT (at Derby): England v North (11) 700 key v South (12) 300 key v South (1

Rugby Union

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First round
Inverness Clack v
Gala Fairydean (2.15)

Montrose v Selkirk (2.15)

Ross County v Brechin (2.15)

St Cuthbert Wdrs v
Albion (2.15)

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Stephouse v Pacula (2.15)

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Nothing v Bulling (2.15)

Monton v Dumbarton

Kilmarnock v Airdrieonians

Morton v Dundee U

Motherwell v Hearts

Rangers v Arbroath

Stangers v Arbroath

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Postponed: Dunfermline v Ayr.

Scottish second division

Berwick Rangers v Stranger

Clydebank v Alloa

Rugby League

Raith v Faikirk

Stirting Albion v East Fife

Hockey

DIVISIONAL FOURINAVENT (at Derby 1) England v North (10.70); Sufford (2.50); Dewsbury v Kenjelov (5.00); Perfect Hornes v Kerjelov (5.00); St. Helens v Wartington (5.00); Warding Trailiv v Londs (5.00); St. Helens v Wartington (5.00); Warding Trailiv v Londs (5.00); St. Helens v Wartington (5.00); Warding Trailiv v Londs (5.00); St. Helens v Wartington (5.00); Warding Trailiv v Londs (5.00); St. Helens v Wartington (5.00); St. Helens v Wartington (5.00); Warding Trailiv v Londs (5.00); St. Helens v Wartington (5.00); Wardington (5.00); Director v Wardington (5.00); Director v Section (5.00); St. Helens v Wartington (5.00); St. Helens v Wartington (5.00); Wardington (5.00); St. Helens v Wartington (5.00); St. He

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Racing

Tartan Ace is approaching his peak By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent Racing Correspondent Reacing Corr

Bad weather forced the cancellation of two of Ascot's best meetings on a Saturday this autumn, the Trafalgar House day on September 23 and the Black and White day on November 16, so this deservedly popular course is due for a change of luck. Things looked grisly again on Thursday when rain began to fall, but yesterday the weather took a turn for the better and we seem assured of being able to enjoy the last important day's racing there before

Rather than simply sponsor one big race firms and organizations have been encouraged to spread their goodwill in recent years and no place has exploited this trend better than Ascot. James Buchanan and Company and Kirk and Kirk cach sponsor a steeplechase and a hurdle. This helps to provide a good blend. Today the Scaffolding Great Britain group have done like. Thursday was not welcome in

attracted a field of 14. The betting before the SGB Hire Shop Hurdle is likely to be less open than on the steeplechase but it is still cer-tain to be every bit as good a race. keenly contested by some of the best four and five-year-olds in

Trainers with their bases in the northern half of the country are making a determined hid to win the steeplechase. Tartan Ace, the ante-post favourite, has travelled south from county Durham and Tregarron and Tee-Cee-Bee have come even farther, from Roxburgh-shire and Lanarkshire, respectively. This three-pronged assault from the north will not be easy to resist even though the south can call upon Game Spirit. Midnight Fury, Money Market and Potentate to name just four of the other runners. The rain that fell on

wise and they have every reason to
feel pleased with their handywork.
The SGB Steeplechase has that much harder.

Game Spirit's camp. It simply element last year. Between Decemnade his task of carrying 12 st ber 13 and January 5 he won contact much harder.

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In the circumstances I am bound and Haydock Park before eventuation whether Game Spirit can give 13 lb to Tartan Ace. If you are prepared to put your faith in the form book Tartan Ace can be given an outstanding chance. He did after all divide Pendil and Red Rum in that three-cornered affair, the Sundew Steeplechase at Haydock Park on November 28, carrying, I hasten to add, the same weight as those two agest horses Some will say albeit by a short head—anneals to can be given an outstanding chance. He did after all divide Pendil and Red Rum in that three-cornered affair, the Sundew Steeplechase at Haydock Park on November 28, carrying, I hasten to add, the same weight as those two great horses. Some will say though that Tarran Ace's proximity ietter of the book. But even if one does take a stand roughly halfway between the two arguments it is still possible to argue a good case for Tartan Ace, who, with the leading rider, Stack in the saddle is my selection.

If was at this stage of the other raider from Scotland, providing one is prepared to turn a blind eye on his behaviour at Newbury last month. On that occasion Tee-Cee-Bee whipped around at the start of the Hemessy a contract of the Hemessy and the start of the Hemessy around at the start of the Hemessy are champion for the champion for the saddle is my selection.

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Nottingham's special tribute today for Stan Mellor

Nottingham todays pays its own special tribute to Stan Mellor. The former champion National Hunt jockey made racing history when he rode his 1,000th winner at Nottingham in 1971 on a grey horse, Ouzo. In recognition of this great achievement, without parallel in the history of National Hunt racing there is the Stan Mellor Cup. ing, there is the Stan Mellor Cup, a three and a half mile handicap steeplechase and the Ougo Steeplechase for novices. The popular result would, of course, he for Stan Mellor to saddle the winner of the Cup that carries his name. of the Cup that carries his name, or one of the two divisions of the Ouzo Steeplechase. But unfortunately he has no runner in the Cup, and the form of his sevenyear-old, I'm Smart, in the second

However, Mellor's five-year-old Ceol-Na-Mara should provide the answer to the first division of the Uuzo Steeplechase. He was a use-ful staying hurdler, and ran with much promise over fences when a close second to Brown Admiral at Sandown Park on November 27. This might be smart novice form, and Ceol-Na-Mara is preferred slightly to Thumson Jones's Palsboy, a four length winner at Wetherby last month.

The 1972 Grand National win-ner. Well to Do, is one of a field of nine for the Stan Mellor Cup. Well to Do, although unplaced, was

division of the Ouzo Steeplechase does not inspire much confidence. In his last two races he has been pulled up and finished later well down the field.

However, Mellor's five-year-old

division of the Ouzo Steeplechase prominent for a long way in his race at Ludiow, and considering and a rise of five pounds to 10st 12th is by no means severe. Moonlight Escapade and Princess Camilla was with the leaders for 15 fences.

But I doubt if he will give the way Some out best of the others, and Swan-Shot is noted as a likely But I doubt if he will give the weight to Moonlight Escapade, Princess Camilla. Straight Vuigan and Swan-Shot, winner of 22 races for Frank Carr's Malton stable. Moonlight Escapade's chance is there for all to see on his running in Newbury's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup when third to Royal Marshal II and Iceman.

But possibly the strongest claims are held by Straight Vulgan. He won comfortably at Ayr recently. will stay every yard of the three and a half miles, carries 10st 12lb, and Gordon Richards has his stable

At Catterick, Esterel might gain his second victory this week. After winning a selling race at Doncaster last month he was bought in for 675 guineas, and "Jumbo" Wilkinson seut him on Monday to Teesside. There he won his race comfortably, and a six pound penalty for that victory brings him up to only 10st 6lb.

Ascot programme

[Television (BBC 1): 12.50, 1.25, 2.0 and 2.30 races] 12.15 KILLINEY STEEPLECHASE (£1,303:21m)

320-112 Sroncho II (D) 11. Tyldesley 1. A. Dickinson, 5-11-9 M. Dickinson 131000 Complex Girl (Mrs. Payner, J. Welch, 6-11-1 J. King 20-0f10 Garrymust (J. Beilson, Mrs. Oughton, 9-11-1 ... Mr J. Mead 3 422-022 Happy Warrior (N. Henderson), I. Winter, 7-11-1 Mr N. Henderson 7 Mr N. Henderson 7 Mr N. Henderson 8 Pilman 7 Mr N. Henderson 7 Mr N. He Pengrali, 3-1 Broncho II, 4-2 Weather Chart, 8-1 fom Douley, r, 12-1 Sedge Warbier, 14-1 Carrymust, 20-1 others.

12.50 LONG WALK HURDLE (£2,450: 34m)

15-8 Go Bingu, 11-4 Orosio, 3-1 Mac's Birthday, 7-1 Avendhu, 12-1 Magi Mountain, 14-1 Good Present.

1.25 SGB HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £4,740: 3m) 801 2113-24 Game Spirit (CD) (Queen Elizabeth), F, Walmyn, 8-12-0 W. Smith

V. Soane
Tee-Cee-See (D) (I. Bell, G. Macmillare
Tartan Ace (D) (D. Adams), W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-1 T. Slack
Money Market (CD) (Lord Chelsea), C. Bewicke, 7-10-12 Tregarren (D) (H. Blyth), K. Oliver, 7-10-10 ... C. Tinkler Credibility (D) (Mrs. Dewhurst), F. Winter, 6-10-9 R. Pitman Potentiate (R. Francis: J. Gifford, 9-10-8 ... Champion Rough House (CD) (R. Brown), F. Rimell, 8-10-7 ... J. Burke Roman Holiday (CD) (Lard Chelsa), C. Bewicke, 10-10-2 J. Williams

Land Lark (CD) (I. Pocock), Pocock, 9-10-1 ... A. Esban (D) (Miss Squires), D. Nicholson, 10-10-0 ... J. Carroll Street (C) (H. McGrath), G. Baiding, 7-10-0 ... Boom Docker (R. Pilkingion), J. Brennan, 7-10-0 ...

2.0 S.G.B. HIRE SHOP HURDLE (52,191: 2m)

401 111-112 Tree Tangle (D) (Mrs Williams), R. Turnell, 5-11-13 A. Turnell 402 3311-40 True Song (D) (Mrs Underwood), D. Underwood, S-11-15 403 1023-11 Canadius (D) (P. Muldoon), G. Richards, 5-11-9 ... R. Barry 404 111-23 Active (D) (P. GSuilevan), P. Mitchell, 4-11-8 ... J. Halne 405 123-21 Supreme Maio (CD) (Miss Rampton), R. Smyth, 4-11-8 J. King 408 408 403-124 Fire Red (D) (D. Molins), P. Cundell, 5-10-13 ... T. Slack 409 403-124 Taramess (V. Krighti, J. Gliford, 5-10-13 ... R. Champlon 411 1280-00 Correggio (D) (Miss Edin), G. P.-Gordon, 4-10-8 ... R. Champlon Correggio (D) (Miss Edin), G. P.-Gordon, 4-10-8 ... R. Champlon

Evens Tree Tangle, 5-2 Supreme Halo, 9-2 Attivo, 7-1 Canadius, 20-1 Tru Song, 53-1 Miss Boon, 50-1 others.

2.30 PETER COX STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,285: 2m) 2.30 PETEK CUA STEBPLECHASE (Handicap: 1,255: 2m)
501 013-423 Amarind (D) (J. Wayl Jun), F. Walwyn, 3-11-7 . W. Smith
503 300-110 Goiden Sei (CD) (W. Whotherty), R. Turnell, 7-10-12 A. Turnell
504 72-0210 Vikrom (D) (Mrs. Craig), F. Walwyn, D. Gandollo, S. Turnell
505 11-430 Dulwich (D) (T. Eley), C. Davies, 7-10-10 . R. Pitman
506 11-430 Dulwich (D) (Mrs. Arney), D. Gandollo, S. Shoemark 7507 H-441f The Sundance Kid (D) (G. Strawbridge), Thomson Jones, 7-10-6
508 0-22400 Osbaldeston (D) (Lady Warmingtom F. Winter, 10-10-1
510 1400-02 Dan'l Widden (Mrs. Whiteway), D. Kent, 8-10-0 . J. Suthern
511 224004 Sandwilen (D) (M. Spedding), S. Wright, 6-10-0 . N. Wakley
512 0-00173 Mumber Engaged (D) (E. Courage), Courage, 6-10-0 . N. Wakley
513 010f-02 Cabaiva (D) (P. Talbot-Ponsonby), M. Scudamore, 8-10-0 . 7-2 Amarind, 5-1 Goiden Soi, 11-2 The Sundance Kid, 7-1 Vikrom, Dan'l

7-2 Amarind, 5-1 Colden Sol. 11-2 The Sundance Kid, 7-1 Vikrom, Dan'i Widden, 8-1 The Clork, 10-1 Dulwich, 12-1 Cabalva, 14-1 Osbaldeston, Number Engaged, 16-1 others.

3.0 HAMPTON COURT HANDICAP HURDLE (Handicap: £1,184: 2 m) Chamber Mark (D. Darling). N. Nicholson, 7-11-3.

Complicity (B. Perrett), J. Perrett, 8-11-2. Mr H. Evans 7 retained 6 Owen (D. (Mrs. Horrocks), J. Edwards, 5-11-0. Mr G. Cruzier 7 Regal Isle (O. Henley), W. Charles, 6-11-0. Mr M. Charles 7 Parkhouse (Mrs Easton), Easton, 5-10-15. Mr J. McCharles 7 Parkhouse (Mrs Easton), Easton, 5-10-15. Mr J. McCharles 7 Parkhouse (Mrs Easton), Easton, 5-10-15. Mr J. McCharles 7 Parkhouse (Mrs Easton), Leaton, 5-10-15. Mr J. McCharles 7 Thomond (Miss Phareon), Miss Peasson, 6-10-9 Mr A. Resh 7 Thomond (Miss Phareon), Miss Peasson, 6-10-9 Mr A. Wilson Tudor Streak (A. Bosicy), Booley, 4-10-7, Mr M. Bosiev 7 Grey Bird (Mrs Millar), W. Fisher, 7-10-7 Mr S. Stanhope Rockelatar (M. Pipe), Pioc, 7-10-7 Mr M. G. Jones 7 Kilamber (M. Pipe), Pioc, 7-10-7 Mr M. M. Lowers, 5 Tortworth (D. Lewis), Lewis, 5-10-7 Mr M. Lowers, 5 Tortworth (D. Lewis), Lewis, 5-10-7 Mr M. Lowers, 6 Mrs Mondight Gambier (W. Tudor), Easton, 5-10-7 Mr J. Tyrice 7 Rocky Times (J. Clark), Clark, S-10-7 Mr J. Kerby 7 Rocky Times (J. Clark), Clark, S-10-7 Mr J. Koen 7 Lost Cause (J. Harriman), J. Martiman, 4-10-7 Mr J. Koen 5-10 Charle Mrs. 6-1 My Capizin, 8-1 0-021 431320

Ascot selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.15 PENGRAIL is specially recommended. 12.50 Orosio. 1.25 Tartan Ace. 2.0 Tree Tangle. 2.30 The Sundance Kid. 3.0 Pythium.

Catterick Bridge programme

| Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races | 12.15 LEEDS JUVENILE HURDLE (Div II : Part I : 3-y-o : £204 :

12.45 BRADFORD HURDLE (Handicap: £204: 2m)

Helis (D) (Mrs Atkinson, 4:11-3. P. Mangan Rebel Prince (Mrs Milton), F. Waltinson, 6:11-3. P. Mangan Rebel Prince (Mrs Wilton), F. Walton, 8:11-5. Mr F. Walton Chadwick (CD) (M. Taylor), R. Barnes, 10-11-1. A. Jones, 7 Running Fire (D) (G. Dawes), J. Berry, 5-11-0. D. Goulding Frigit (Froik: (G. Wyse), W. Clay, 7-10-15., N. Clay 5 Charlie Bettyes (CD) (G. Morley), C. Tinkler, 8-10-R (Condy Boy (D) (R. Crosby), Crosby, 8-10-6. Mr N. Tinkler, 7 Wigna Park (CD) (A. Percival), Percival, 13-10-6. Wignin Park (CD) (A. Percival). Percival, 10-10-5

*Prince Town (D) (G. Berry). A. Bastiman, 4-10-5

*Racionzer (D) (Mr. A. Collins). Collins, 4-10-5

Hondo Lane (R. Dexter), D. Chapman, 7-10-1

Khoda Khán (D) (A. Rumsey, Rumsey, 6-10-0

W. Redfern Rolus (W. Chapman). D. Chapman, 5-10-0

K. McCauley Sallor Dan (W. Simpson). Simpson, 7-10-0

A. Meaney Sarmy's Greve (K. Tulloch). Tulloch, 8-10-0

Scauch Briar (T. Kersey). Kersov, 9-10-0

Mr G. Korsov 7

Lend Street (E. Clynne). S. Nesbitt, 4-10-0

D. Nesbitt, 7-Fair Maid (D) (T. Robinson). R. E. Poacock, 6-10-0

P. Russell (D) (P. Green). Green. 9-10-0

R. Weaver Bettyes, 6-4 Helio, 5-1 Racioazer, 10-1 Chadwick, Frigid Frolic. 1.15 YORK STEEPLECHASE (£272: 3m 300vds)

2-1 Early Frost, II-4 Tostal Time, 9-3 Royal Alibi, 7-1 Clarino, 8-1 Portacar-n, 10-1 Till Brig, 14-1 others.

1.45 WILLIAM HILL HURDLE (Handicap: £874: 2m)

200-00 Sir Garnet (D) (J. McGhie), G. Richards, 5-10-13 C. Brownless 7
0-00011 Extered (L. Nicholson), B. Wikinson, 4-10-6 ... D Goulding 133-003 Temple Rise (D) (Denys Smith), Donys Smith, 5-10-2 Smith, 5-10-2 (Denys Smith), Donys Smith, 5-10-2 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... A Taylor 7 (Denys Smith), Denys Smith, Denys Smit

Catterick Bridge selections

in excellent form. Twelve months

Nottingham programme

|Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.30 and 3.0 races|



Lava Star (B) (W. Waits), Waits, 7-12-0

Lava Star (B) (W. Waits), Waits, 7-12-0

Palsboy (A. Bowman, Thomson Jones, 5-11-9

Dixis Carnon, (D. Webber, J. Webber, 7-11-4

A. Wabber

Gramophone (J. Rowles), J. Leigh, 9-11-4

N. James

Hida's Hurricane (Mrs Booth), S. Palmer, 6-11-4

J. Marshall

Sir Barrymores (S. Bowles), F. Walwyn, 6-11-4

A. Branford

Tudor Risk (R. Hayward), F. Chudell, 6-11-4

B. R. Daves

Ceol-Na-Mars (Mrs Brown), S. Mellor, 5-11-2

J. Glover

Na-Mars, 4-1 Palsboy, Tudor Risk, 11-2 Lava Star, 15-2 Sir Barry
Ixie Cartoon, Gramophone, 12-1 Hida's Hurricans. 1.30 PANAMA CIGAR HURDLE (4y-0: £1,254: 2m)

2.0 STAN MELLOR CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £966:

3/m)

1 2u10-40 Interview II (R. Hunter), W. A. Stephenson, 9-11-4 Mr D. Greaves
23243-0 Well to Do (C) (T. Forster), Forster, 11-11-1 . G. Thorner
10-0033 Moonlight Escapade (Mrs Wharlon), C. Miller, 8-10-13 pt. Cartwright
02f-001 Straight Vulgan (CD) (Mrs Sandtford), G. Richards, 8-10-13 O'Nent
7 0f-0034 Princess Camilla (CD) (Miss Bartholomew), G. Vergette, 9-10-10 R. Weaver 2.30 JOE CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE (Handicap: £1,025: 24m) 230 JOE CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE (Handicap: £1,025: 2½m)

1 207-021 Bric T. Cornwelli V. Cross. 7-11-13 F. McRenna 3

201-020 Nersk (Mrs Norton), S. Nortino, 7-11-12 S. Nattriss

2020-p Red Wolf (CD) (B. Combar), A. Polts. 9-11-9 J. Marshall 7

6 102142 Grande King (C) (E. Phillips), M. Tate, 5-10-13 A. Phillips 7

113-00 Bonny Royal J. Rowley, W. Whiston, 6-10-13 A. Phillips 7

104-010 The Bishop (W. Price), Price, 5-10-9 Jos Scallon 5

104-010 Stepson (Lord Rounddshay), S. Mellor, 4-10-2 J. Glover

70 11-24 Hard Caser (D. Cardick), M. Marsh, 6-10-10 Mr C. Jackson 7

101-01-01 Hard Caser (D. Cardick), M. Marsh, 6-10-10 Mr C. Jackson 7

101-01-01 Hard Caser (D. Cardick), M. Marsh, 6-10-10 Mr C. Jackson 7

101-01-01 Hard Caser (D. Darmall), Dartnall, 5-10-0 Mr C. Jackson 7

101-01-01 Red Wolf, 12-1 Irish Special, 14-1 Nernall, 5-10-0 N. Kernick;

1020-01-01 Red Wolf, 12-1 Irish Special, 14-1 Nernal, 20-1 others.

3.0 OUZO NOVICES STEEPLECHASE (Div II: £272: 2m)

Nottingham selections

By Our Racing Staff 12.30 Ghent. 1.0 Ceol-Na-Mara. 1.30 Black Auster. 2.0 STRAIGHT VULGAN is specially recommended. 2.30 Breakwater. 3.0 Blue Shore. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 1.0 Palsboy. 1.30 Zongalero. 3.0 Blue Shore.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.30 The Sundance Kid.

2.15 LEEDS JUVENILE HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £204: 2m)

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6 Gingsclere (L. Carry), Mrs Gaze, 11-7 ... J. Bourke

7 Alf's Carleo (G. Partito), J. Calvert, 11-2 ... Mr. N. Trikler

8 Gehet (F. Mitchell), T. Kersey, 11-2 ... Mr. N. Trikler

9 Gott Imp (H. Rebanks), Robanks, 11-3 ... M. Barr

10 Culberge (G. Wilkinson), E. Weymes, 11-2 ... D. Gould)

Flowing River (W. Siephenson), W. A. Siephenson, 12-2

R. Collins Green Hat (P. Wigham), R. Hollinshead, 11-2. C. Astbury French Trempr (Mrs Webb), H. Wharton, 11-2. P. Broderick Go Easy (J. Wilcox), L. Barratt, 11-2. P. Broderick Naga Chief (H. Godsell), R. Cross, 11-2. D. Moorhead O Pet Black (A. Kemp), Kemp, 11-3. V. Porriust 5. Prince Willem (E. Rettlewell), E. Collingwood, 11-2. P. Buckley Whistlers Boy (D. Buchanan), G. Richards, 11-2 C. Brownless 7. 3004 Woogly Down (H. Lee), A. Runney, 11-2. W. Redfern Culberge, S-3 Flowing River, 4-1 Prince William 11-2 Description (Mrs. 11-2). 7-4 Calberge, 5-3 Flowing River, 4-1 Prince Willem, 11-2 Dernier Rive, 13-2 French Tremor, 8-1 Grand Display, Aris-Way, 13-1 Emmerdale Farm, Cuizsan Prince, 16-1 others.

2.45 HUDDERSFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £481: 2m) 5 HUDDERSFIELD 51 DEFLIDE ARCHIT (A. Dickinson, 7-11-12 (A. Guerrettie (D.) (E. Robarts), A. Dickinson, 7-11-12 (A. Sienherson, 12-11-11 2 21-3210 Geldie Gold (D) (E. Cliff-McCulloth), W. A. Stepher

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21 00 Mister Magie (R. Gray), D. Williams, 11-2 ...
22 0 Gamer Bey (Mrs Knowles), D. Chapman, 11-2 ...
23 0 Super Bey (Mrs Knowles), D. Chapman, 11-2 ...
24 0 Zucce (G. Wyse), W. Clay, 11-2 ...
25 2 Hanns Christof, 3-1 No Salute 4-1 Chivas Regal, 11-2 Be Rueno, 10-1 Villa Real, Clever Prince, 14-1 others.

12.15 Breakaduck. 12.45 Hello. 1.15 Early Frost. 1.45 Esterel. 2.15

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Athletics Correspondent The pare in athletics record-breaking seems to have slowed at last even if men and women are still far from achieving "ultimate" performances in track and field. This year just two men's and seven women's records were beaten in standard Olympic events compared with 15 in 1973 and 16

in the Olympic year of 1972.

The tabled comparison of records given here does not include cords given here does not include such outstanding efforts as Brendan Foster's 7min 35.2sec for 3,000 metres or the American Rick Wohlhuter's 2min 13.9sec for 1,000 metres because they are not Olympic events. Nor does it include the inaugural list of electrically-timed world records which has just been drawn up by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, who will be recognizing these tion, who will be recognizing these kind of performances as well as

those timed manually.

The electrically-timed performances, which include three from the 1968 Olympics which have been adjusted by the addition of

the 1968 Ulympics which have been adjusted by the addition of 0.05sec as electric timing devices up to May, 1971, had a built-in adjustment of that amount, are as follows:

Men: 100 metres, 9.95sec: 200m, 19.81sec; 400m, 43.86sec; 110m hurdles, 47.82sec; 4 x 100m relay, 38.19sec. Women: 100m, 11.07sec: 200m, 22.21sec; 400m, 50.14sec; 100m hurdles, 12.59sec; 4 x 100m relay, 42.51sec.

We will continue to have a double list of world records for the shorter events while so many meetings are staged in arenas which do not have the latest, expensive, auromatic electronic timing equipment though my American friend, Dick Bank, who follows and appreciates athletics as much as anyone in the world, is marketing more reasonably priced equipment.

It is understandable that the women should have done more

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It is understandable that the
women should have done more
record-breaking this year, for their
side of the sport has a much
shorter history. It is only in the
last five or six years that they
have experienced really hard
training and more intensive competition. The manually-timed training and more intensive competition. The manually-timed 49.9sec for 400 metres by Irena Szewinska, of Poland, is a sign of things to come, especially bearing in mind her relay leg of 48.6sec during the European championships last September.

Any ambitious athletics promoter may next summar time his

moter may next summer turn his attention to record attacks on the English distances like 440 yards and three and six miles because they are intrinsically inferior to their metric equivalents. But at a more significent level Wohlhuter's metres, and Foster, when thinking of beating the clock rather than human opposition, could perhaps run 5,000 metres in 13min 10sec.

Tennis

over from Mrs King as US no 1

Evert, who won four big inter-national tournaments and 56 successive matches this year, has been ranked No 1 woman player in the United States,
The 19-year-old Fort Lauderdale,
Florida, girl thus ended the fourvear reign at the top of Billie Jean

year reign at the top of Billie-Jean King, who is second in the new rankings. After Mrs King are Rose-mary Casals, Nancy Gunter and Julie Heldman. All three women held the same rankings last year. Rounding off the top 10 are Kathy Kuykendall, Pamela Teeguarden. Valerie Ziegenfuss, Jeanne Evert and Marcie Louie. Miss Evert won 15 tournaments this year, including the Wimbledon.

French, Italian, South African and Canadian championships.

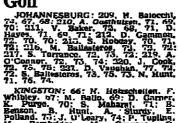
Money may be able to buy

It is "highly inprobable" that the world champion, John Conteh, will be allowed to keep the Lons-dale Belt now that he has decided to relinquish his British lightheavyweight boxing title. Ray Clarke, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, said today that the request would be discussed, but added: "Regulations are regulations and we cannot give belts away. It has never been done before under our regulations.

regulations.

"It would also create a precedent and not be fair to other boxers such as Freddie Mills and Raudolph Turpin, who won world championships and gave up British titles. If Conteh wants to buy the belt then that will be considered."

Golf



Tennis

ANCONA, Italy : King's Cup : Seral final round : Hungary lead Italy 1—0 Carchoslovakia lead Sweden 1—0.



Two outstanding athletes who have shown the way ahead for record breakers: Mrs Szewinska (left) and Brendan Foster.

The records compared

400 metres 1min 43.7sec 3min 32.2sec 13min 13sec 27min 30.8sec 13.1sec 1.500 metres 5,000 metres 10,000 metres 110m burdles 400m hurdles 47.8sec 8min 14sec 38.4 3:00.5 2.28 (7ft 54) 8.35 (27ft 44) 5.55 (18ft 23) 17.44 (57ft 23) 21.70 (71ft 21) 4x400m relay 8.23 5.25 16.46 21.37 64.94 84.92 71.26 (17ft 23 (54ft) (70ft 11) (213ft 1) 21.70 (71ft 25) 68.40 (224ft 5) 94.08 (308ft 8) 76.66 (251ft 6) 8,454 pts 94m08 (308ft 8 in) 76m66 (251ft 6 in) Decathlon World & European 10.8sec 22 sec 49.9sec 100 metres 800 metres 4min 01.4sec

4x100m relay 4x400m relay 3min 23 sec (6ft 43in) (22ft 53in) (70ft 93in) Long jump Shot

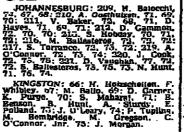
New York. Dec 13.—Christine-

Boxing Book reviews

a Lonsdale Belt

belt then that will be considered."

Mr Clarke said that Comeh's decision to give up the British title was the one they had expected after Thursday's announcement that Maxie Smith had been nominated as the next challenger. Conteh has two notches on a Lonsdale Belt after two victories against Chris Finnegan. A third success would have entitled him to keep the belt. Mr Clarke said the Board would now decide the Board would now decide Smith's opponent for the vacant title.



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Cricket

Miss Evert takes | Ramirez says he can beat **Nastase or Newcombe**

Melbourne. Dec 13.-- A match who made no secret of his disfinal round of the Masters tournament sponsored by Commercial Union at Kooyong bere tomorrow. The other semi-final round match will be between Guillermo Vilas, interesting I had to win at least timing storm. The organisers thinking I had to win at least timing storm. The organisers

will be between Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, and the Mexican, Raul Ramirez.

In today's remaining two preliminary group matches, Vilas, the 22-year-old winner of the grand prix series this year, defeated the New Zealander, Onny Parun, 7—5, 3—6, 11—9, in a hard-fought, two-hour contest, and Ramirez outclassed Harold Solomon, of the United States, to win 6—1, 6—1. The cool and precise Ramirez took only 40 minutes to beat Solomon,

Melbourne, Dec 13.—A match who made no secret of his dis-between John Newcombe, of like of the grass court here. Only Australia, and the Romanian de-fending champion, lile Nastase, Ramirez was told that he was in will be the highlight of the semi-final round whatever the

night thinking I had to win at least | the race can be held over two night thinking I had to win at least one set. It took off a lot of pressure knowing I was in." He said he was confident he could win the tournament although he had been beaten twice by Vilas, those meetings were played on clay and cement. "I think this is my opportunity. I don't mind grass, in fact I play very well on it ", he said.

RESULTS: R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat H. Solomon (US). 6—1, 6—1: G. Vilas (Argentina) beat O. Parun (New Zea-land), 7—5, 3—6, 11—9.

Skiing

W German triumph aft boycott

Cortina d'Amperzo, Dec 1 - Rosi Mittermaier of West Gern swept to an impressive victor the season's first slalom of women's World Cup for Al skiing today when she fini two seconds clear of the ov world champion, Fabienne Sc-of France.

Her victory was the result blistering first run when covered the 54-gate course w vertical drop of 145 metre
47.34 seconds, more than
seconds faster than Miss Se
In the second leg the French
was marginally faster but
the second faster b not close such a formidable The total times were Miss M maier 1min 31.73sec, Miss St 1min 33.73sec.

The result gave special faction to the West German who took two of the first places after boyconting the d till event yesterday. Miss M maier's compatriot, Christa: meister, came third in Imin

Fourth was Austria's V Cupholder Annematic Moser, ner of the downhill vesterday, consolidated her lead in the V Cup standings. Switzerland's Lise-Marie Frod, who came second to Mittermaier in the first le

48.03sec, registered a bad tin 48.81 in the second and finish only 12th overall. The nine-strong German refused to take part in the dhill yesterday after a row ove lightweight "fish-skin" r lightweight "fish-skin" r suits worn by the Austrian (The Austrians wore their sui The Austrians wore their sin spite of a ban by the Internal Ski Federation (FIS). The gram announcing the ban re: Austrian officials here only minutes before the race was to start.

However, the downhill rewere later declared valid by race jury. It remains to be whether FIS will want to further action.

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35.08sec. Meanwhile at St Moritz s

storms prevented training or Piz Nair course and forced organizers to postpone for 24 l a men's World Cup downhill originally scheduled for tomo: Officials said the event v now be held on Sunday to competitors to complete four lation training runs before the The Olympic champion, 1.7 hard Russi, of Switzerland, bruised his foot and pull muscle in a fall yesterday, wunfit to race on Sunday and be out of action for 10 Russi's mishap was the sheavy blow to the Swiss, tother downhill specialist, R. Coltombin, will be absent for other downmit specialist. Collombin, will be absent fleast six weeks because of a
injury suffered in a fall it
opening race of the season a
d'Isère, last Sunday.

The European Cup downfill scheduled to take place out Laz. South-eastern Switzer, also had to be postponed by of bad weather. High whipped up the course during night and left bare patches o tomorrow and Sunday, or s completely on Sunday.—Reus

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philar Flyers 6, Vinnesola North Stars Louis Blues 3, Detroit Red William Brushs 8, Los Angoins Ki Vencouver Canucks 5, Buttalo 5; Kansas City Scouts 5, Cal Golden Seats 3; New York Rang Washington Capitals 6; Mr. Canadlens 3, Pitisburgh Pengulm

The greatest Lions by a short head

Rugby Correspondent

Were the British Lions in South Africa a better side than the 1971 team to New Zealand? That experienced Welsh traveller, J. B. experienced Welsh traveller, J. B. G. Thomas—he has reported the last seven lions tours—gives the accolade to Willie John McBride's side "by a short head", and, accordingly, he calls his latest book, The Greatest Lions (Pelham Books, £3).

Thomas declares that for efficiency and consistency, there has never been a British side like that of 1974, nor one that has played with such control in internationals

of 1974, nor one that has played with such control in internationals as this one did in the lirst three matches of the series. "The mud of Cape Town saw it produce supreme tactical control at forward and half-back; the firm ground and sun of Pretoria saw it achieve a record victory with running rugby; and the green grass of Port Elizabeth saw it perform as the perfect team in the second half."

It could be argued, he suggests, that the back divisions of the 1938, 1955, 1959 and 1971 Lions' sides were often better than those of

spectacle, and that some of the South African and New Zealand sides faced by those earlier Lions teams were stronger than the Springboks of 1974. I suspect that it will be so argued and I know that John Reason, whose book on the tour is due for publication soon, will be enunciating just why he thinks so little of the present state of South African rugby. The author maintains his cus-

The author maintains his customary standards with a conscientious account of the latest tour both on and off the field, and supplies in appendices some important details for the record. He also defends "code word 99"—the Lions' plan for a retaliatory freefor all. "This . . . reflected the 'new look' in British touring rugby . . it made it impossible for referees to send off players, but it also cooled the opposition." All very effective. no doubt, but are we all supposed to endorse the policy wholeheartedly?

This indefatigable author, for so This indefatigable author, for so iong a loyal and respected colleague in the Press box, is currently on offer, not with one book, but

Great Moments in Sport: I Football (Pelham Books, & Writing of 30 matches in the 20 years, he evokes memories of some memories encounters, beginning with land's thrilling last minute vover England last season finishing with the Lions' trhant in the third internation Port Elizabeth in the summe The Barbarians' classic hard against the seventh All Black Lianelli's red-blooded victory Lianelli's red-blooded victory the same opposition. V thrilling win by 19-18 against land (thanks to John Taylor's

Africa, won by the Lion:
22 . . all are included, and
more.
The versatile Keith Ma sports commentator with shire Television, first wrote-compiled The History of League Football in 1962. St Paul have recently published: edition (£3.75) which bring story of the game completely

conversion), the Hancock against Scotland at Twicker the 1955 international in

Science report

Archaeology: Mayans backdated

New radiocarbon datings have pushed back the probable begin-mings of the Mayan civilization as early as 900 BC, narrowing the gap between the Mayans and the gap between the Mayans and the great Mayans and the gap between the the ga other great Mesoamerican civiliza-tion of the Olmecs and raising the fascinating question of how two quite different cultures could have arisen almost simultaneously in close geographical proximity.

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The earliest dating, calibrated to 900 BC, comes from a sample of charcoal associated with a pottery vessel of a style known as Real-Xe, discovered in the ancient ceremonial city of Seibel. The succession of distinctive ceramic styles associated with different phases of the Mayan civilization have played a central part in tracing the development of the culture, and Professor Rainer Berger, of California University, with associates from Harvard's Peabody Museum, has used estimates based on ceramic data to corroborate a series of new datings from a number of sites.

The influence of the Real-Xe ceramic style spread out from centres in south and south-weeters.

The new date comes from frag-

The new date comes from fragments, found beneath several Preclassic floors, of a vessel which formed part of cruciform arrangement of pottery and jades. Among these was a blood letter of a style associated with Olmec sites of the Gulf of Mexico. Earlier archaeological estimates for this ceramic style, derived from dates at Altar de Sacrificios (Seibel's sister city 100 km downstream) had ranged from 900 to 600 BC.

Professor Berger and his asso-

Frofessor Berger and his associates have also provided radio-carbon dares for the late phases of the Mayan civilization from bone samples dating as late as AD 1050. With the early dates derived from the Real-Xe vessel, this indicates that the city was in existence for almost two thousand years. ceramic style spread out from centres in south and south-western Guatemala, and is known to date from the earliest Pre-Classic times. The Classic Mayan civilization flourished from AD 300 to 900, occupying most of what is now

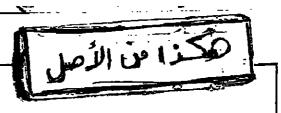
years.

The bone samples come from two sites on the city's periphery

Guatemala and of Belsize (British Honduras), narrow strips of Honduras, narrow strips of Honduras and El Salvador and parts of Mexico. Seibel, located on a scibel, during which the range of limestone bluffs 100 metres high and overlooking a great bend in the Pasión River in Guatemala, originated in Preclassic times and became important during the late Classic period of Lowland Mayan civilization.

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Recruitment

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state airline

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
A ban on recruitment except

for vital operational staff has

losses

PEC 'simplified pricing' ecision could make oil n extra 1p a gallon dearer

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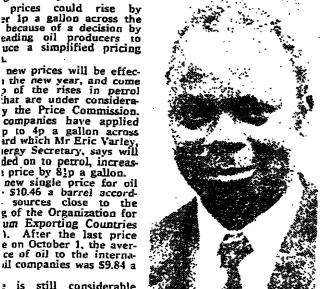
I been hoped that Saudi would have concluded per cent takeover of the single price pply both in Iran and rabia, the two biggest

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Mr M. O. Feyide of Nigeria been made secretary general of OPEC. He will take over from Mr Abderrahman Khene of Algeria, who ends his two-year term at the end of this year. Mr Valentin Hernandez Acosta, the Venezuelan Minister Mines and Hydrocarbons, will become president at the

before the Vienna on single pricing would not apply to its own exports, at least until it had settled its problems over participation.
The price of \$10.46 a barrel Arabia had made it is equal to 93 per cent of the fore the meeting that posted price. This is the level nula reached by OPEC at which the state oil companies

in OPEC countries have been selling crude on the open

The price revision by Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi and Qatar has forced companies buying oil from these countries to trim their margins on sales of crude and sell to third party customers and their own affiliates at this

OPEC hopes that the latest move will trim oil company profits without increasing costs to the consumer. But it is difficult to see how oil companies that have been buying oil for \$9.84 a barrel and reselling it at \$10.15 a barrel can continue without raising their market

Access to Saudi Arabia's oil production will be given to more oil companies, including the Royal Dutch/Shell group, once the state takeover of Aramco has been completed, Shaikh Yamani said in Vienna yester-

Until now the four American partners in Aramco-Exxon, Mobil, Texaco and Standard Oil of California—have taken the bulk of production. However, Saudi Arabia has already an-nounced plans to put more than three million barrels of oil a day on to the open market, and a number of leading companies are known to be interested in acquiring supplies from the Aramco concessions.

Shaikh Yamani said Saudi Arabia was having talks with Royal Dutch/Shell According to informed sources, if these talks are successful Shell will get access to about 5 per cent of the eight million barrels of oil produced daily in Saudi Arabia.

its troubles at home,

Leyland had to pour its shaky Spanish sub-Authi, to meet the payroll, trade union said here today, a meeting in Madrid y with Senor Alejandro ez Sordo, minister in of the state-run trade the workers' representative workers' representative de Authi's situation nerate".

Said the December maximum of £50m will be offered to the British Leyland Motor Corporation and its sub-sidiaries by the Government under Section 8 of the Industry Act, 1972.

Parliamentary approval for this short-term financial assistance will be sought next Wednesday when Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, will make a further statement on the group's capital requirements.

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the obligatory He is also expected to name s bonus could not have the team to help Sir Don Ryder, iid without the big the Cabinet's industrial adviser, in identifying longer-term re-quirements. These will deter-mine the size of the proposed state investment in the equity of cash from Britain. orkers' representatives government officials ed the administration's bead off the sale of shares.

General Motors by an ve plan for a consor-Spanish companies to guarantees for British Leyland's borrowings over and above present facilities represents one-third of the Department of ountry was "coinciden-Industry's statutory limit on any sums and liabilities paid to in-dustry as Section 8 aid. minister that it had

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£50m short-term aid

Bankers' guarantees up to a maximum of £50m will be offered to the British Leyland

The ceiling of £50m on state

Bank guarantees, not large

for British Leyland

By Maurice Corina Industrial Editor

Yesterday British Leyland

A company spokesman explained: "These increases have been made necessary by further sharp rises in the costs of raw materials, components and labour since British Leyland's last price increase in Septem-

list prices of cars, trucks and

The new prices take effect from midnight on Sunday, but customers with cars on order and due for delivery in the next few weeks may be able to obtain the old price.

An Austin Morris Mini 850, ing taxes) goes up to £1.098.63 the Maxi rises from £1,674,27 to £1,815.84; the Triumph 2000 from £2,349.36 to £2,486.25; and the Jaguar XJ12 Auto from £5,490.81 to £5,598.45. The newly introduced Spirfire 1500 is to be priced at £1,509.30.

Pay claim suspended: A group of trade unionists at the Cowley car assembly plant agreed yesterday to suspend their pay claim "as a gesture of goodwill in the present financial plight of British Leyland".

They have also offered to work essential overtime without pay until the company's finances improve.

The decision was announced by Mr Paul Hogan, senior process engineer, who is on the factory committee of the Oxford branch of TASS, the super-visory section of the Amalga-mated Union of Engineering Workers.

/ernment stake proposed for Aston

Young the Government's conditions are ment group which at present owns Aston Martin, and 100,000 being offered to the 500-strong

At the initial meeting between the strong being offered to the 500-strong being offered on Monday an offer the company and the Government on October 29 it had also been emphasized that the ould result in the Govtaking a quarter share Government was only prepared

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The main condition, it is loan at 12! per cent uext ten years is likely to some the company and issue of the company targets. 600,000 new shares.

One hundred and fifty thou

Aston Martin workforce.

The remaining 100,000 shares would be offered to the Aston Martin Owners' Club, which together with the workforce offered financial help to the company

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Jensen redundancies: Jensen Motors, another of Britain's prestige motor manufacturers, intends to make 200 of its 1,260 labour force redundant. Sales of the company's Interceptor range have dropped by half to 12 a

the markets moved

Lyons, J.. Ord 5p to 60p
LCP Hidgs 2p to 20p
Taylor Woodrow 7p to 79p
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Unilever 6p to 154s
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rose by 60 points to The "effective devalua-te was 21.6 per cent. 2 by \$4 to \$179.75. was 1.212060 on Friday R=€ was 0.524883.

6p to 42p 6p to 120p 8p to 70p 2p to 71p Commodities: Tin prices rose sharply with cash metal closing £65 higher. LME silver advanced between 4.5p and 5p. Sugar futures jumped between 51.5 and 528 while the London daily price was unchanged at £440. Cocoa futures gained ground. Reuters index was 1,191.8 down just 0.1 on the day. on the day.

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10p to 55p 14p to 51p 40p to 565p

Bank Base Rates Table

Company Meeting Report: The Messina (Transvaal) Development Company

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barcinya Ban; into-national Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

1.78 135.50 9.95 6.20

130.50 9.65 5.95 2.31

receipts near 1974 high in November

Societies'

month for the building societies with net receipts of £178m. This is only £1m less than the 1974 record net inflow reported in October.

Encouraged by the fact that the Bank of England's minimum leading rate was not raised yesterday, building society leaders expect a similar good return in December. The continued ability of

building societies to attract and retain funds in recent months is partly attributed to the public's need, at the moment, for a secure invest-ment above all else.

But despite net funds remaining at the same level there was a drop in the level of commitments, the money societies have promised to home buyers prior to completion of contracts. In October this was near an all-time record of £370m. In commitments dropped back to a more normal £330m.

One reason for the reduction is the need of societies to maintain very high liquidity levels at the moment. The present relationship between the investment rate of 7.5 per cent and the mortgage interest rate of 11 per cent has left all societies with very tight operating

margins.

One way of easing the situation is to earn as much as possible on their investment of liquid funds. Consequently, the average level of liquidity for the movement is a very high 19 per cent at the moment. According to the formula for repaying the £500m loan made available to the societies between April and September, another £64m is due out of the November receipts. This means that a total of £169m of the debt has now been cancelled. It seems unlikely that the societies will be able to repay the entire debt by March next year as the Government had originally

The biggest problem of the movement, however, is not the state of its own funds but the continuing lack of confidence displayed by private house-

Shipyard electricians stay out

Electricians at Swan Hunter over a pay dispute yesterday voted to stay out after they had been expected to agree to go

Production in the six Type vards of the consortium is already seriously affected by the dispute and 5,500 men of all trades have had to be laid off. Swan Hunter had hoped the electricians would take notice of national union officials who are believed to have urged a return so that talks could take place to settle pay deals for all the outfitting trades.

Now the company faces a prospect of its yards being run down by the end of next week with all 10,000 manual workers out of their jobs for Christmas.
The electricians' meeting The electricians' meeting coincided with layoffs of another 553 workers, bringing the total

The dispute is over a claim for a basic rate of £50 a week. The companies have offered £46 a week with fortnightly increases of 15p, reaching £50 by the end of next year. The electricians, who imposed work sanctions to back their claim, were given the alternative of were given the alternative of working normally or being re-moved from the payroll. The men walked out claiming a lock-

Other trades in the yards have imposed restrictions in support similar claim.

Hull strike "official": The seven-week pay strike of more than 800 trawler maintenance men at Hull was made official by two unions yesterday. They are the General and Municipal Workers Union, which has about 350 members involved, and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, which has 250 members in the stoppage. The new development means that Hull trawlers cannot now be repaired in any United King-

The employers have offered a basic £41.80 with a £5.20 bonus and £2 a week in six months or a £40 basic with a £9 bonus now for skilled men. But the men want £50 a week basic.

Germany aims to stop oil interests secretly buying into key industries

From Dan van der Vat Bonn, Dec 13

West Germany is to prevent the acquisition by stealth of shares in key industries on behalf of oil-producing interests, Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, announced today.

His warning came 10 days after it was disclosed that the Kuwait Government had acquired a 14 per cent stake in Daimler Benz AG, makers of Mercedes Benz cars. The shares had been bought in a secret deal towards the end of last month from the previous owners, a West German company.

Herr Schmidt, opening a de-bate about measures announced yesterday to reverse the down-ward trend in the economy, said: "Even if the oil producers sharply step up their imports, they will still achieve annual freely disposable surpluses of about \$50,000m (about £21,740m)."

The effect of this was already

being felt in West Germany, where petrodollars were being used to buy into industry. The Chancellor said there was no basic objection to this, though other countries needed this form. of recycling more than the West

"A share in ownership also pened

By Melvyn Westlake
Both sterling and government bonds enjoyed more
favourable conditions in City

markets yesterday than in

tender, the rate was left un-changed at 11; per cent, the level it has maintained since

nomic activity appeared to rule

it out, the recent weakness of sterling and the worrying November trade figures bad seemed to increase the chances of a minimum lending rate

By Our Financial Staff

three weeks ago.

American

cheques since.

Police and private detectives

leading consortium banker who

left a Northampton hospital

Mr John Pryor, aged 62, executive vice-chairman and managing director of Western

walked out of St Andrew's Hos-pital without discharging him-

self, without any luggage and with only £50 in cash in his pocket. He carried a cheque book but has not cashed any

Mr Pryor had been recover-

ing from a hernia operation and was sent to St Andrews for psychiatric treatment because

of extreme depression. He had

been at the hospital for only

His family have searched

laces known to Mr Pryor but

Western American Bank has

been experiencing considerable difficulties this year as a result of the harsher financial climate

resulting largely from the Herstatt Bank collapse.

24 hours when he vanished.

have found no trace of him.

Bank

mid-September.

means a share in responsi-enthusiasm of others was bility", Herr Schmidt explained. dampened because Mercedes is "Anyone who has a share in Mercedes-Benz will, I hope, acquire a feeling—in his wallet —for what rising petrol prices inevitably mean for sales and employment in the automobile

industry of the entire world.
"We certainly have an objection if such transactions are carried out in the darkness of secret machinations, and we would also not be happy if per-haps larger, or politically or strategically decisive, parts of our national economy were to come under external, biased supervision.

"Measures are planned in this connexion which will at any rate primarily lead to more open-ness", the Chancellor said. He did not specify further, but presumably amendments to company law and the regulations governing share transactions would serve. There were mixed feelings

when it became known that Kuwait had bought into Mercedes-Benz. Some observers took it as a good sign that a leading oil producer was buying

Gilt-edged market and pound revive as

minimum lending rate is held at $11\frac{1}{2}$ pc

recent days. In spite of wide successor to the old Bank rate. speculation that the Bank of England's minimum lending rate would be raised as a result of Friday's Treasury bill has been a rendency in recent treader the many formula.

Although the political implications of a fresh rise in domestic interest rates, together with the detrimental effect it would have on ecouptries and prevent an outward flow of foreign capi-

Search in Britain for

(Europe),

executive of US bank

for Treasury bills at the tender rose just £0.0054 per cent to

£10.9944 per cent. This was insufficient to raise the MLR

has been a tendency in recent weeks for world interest rates

to decline and this has helped to maintain the attractiveness of London rates.

outward flow of foreign capi-

On the foreign exchanges yesterday, sterling rose 0.70 cents against the dollar to \$2.3135, helped by "bear

\$2.3135, helped by "bear squeeze", induced by the Bank

a " prestige " vehicle of the kind an oil shaikh might hand out to

his staff as a bonus.

The company will always have a strong share of the upper end of the market as long as the car remains a practical means of transport, if only for the rich. But Mercedes could also be termed of national importance because it makes so many trucks,

plosion in prices which no country could compensate for by increased productivity or sav-ings. This and rises in food and raw material prices had resulted in inflation rates of 30 per cent and more. Cost to Kuwait: The Kuwait

Investment Fund purchase of shares in Daimler-Benz was done at a large premium over the market level, according to the Kuwait correspondent of Middle East Money today.

The Kuwaitis bought from the Quandt group 3.12 million shares at DM320 (about £53) each. The current market price is about into a company whose prospects current market price is about were so dependent on what happened to oil prices. The the stake cost almost £176m.

possess. At one stage yesterday

up to 40 per cent was being

paid by speculators to borrow

back sterling to meet their

recovered some of the ground

In the Government bond market prices rose by up to 75p. This rise appeared to be

partly attributable to the un-

changed MLR and partly to reports from Saudi Arabia that

there would be no reduction in the flow of capital to London

has recently lost to the hard " European currencies.

In the event the average rate of England ou speculators who

commitments.

been imposed by the manage-ment of British Airways as the state airline struggles to contain its losses for the current financial year-forecast at up military vehicles and buses. Herr Schmidt said the "one sided cartel policy of the oil producers" had caused an ex-

staff numbers by 2,000—or 4 per cent—by the end of March, but Mr Marking commented yesterday: "We are not achiev-

in some areas, and fewer people have taken advantage of early retirement at 63 than I had hoped. It does not look as if we shall achieve our target by that date."

Mr Marking said yesterday that all of British Airways functions were being examined to see how currently planned activities could be carried out more efficiently and economic-

A second study would see if the present allocation of routes between the divisions of the air-line was the best for economical operation. This survey would take some months to complete.

Airlines veto cutbacks on Atlantic run

commitments.

In European centres the pound was quite firm, and its "effective depreciation" rate against 10 key currencies (compared with three years ago) improved from 21.9 to 21.6 per cent. The dollar also recovered some of the emund Washington, Dec 13.—American attempts to reduce transatlantic flights to help financially ailing Pan American World Airways have failed, at least temporarily, reliable sources reported here.

American diplomats have been trying unsuccessfully to persuade West European airlines to cut back their transatlantic capacity. They have also complained that European airlines sell too many passages between the United States and destinations outside their own countries.

Negotiations with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines broke down in Washington and will resume at an unspecified date after talks in Brussels between Dutch officials and Dr Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State. Discussions with Scandinavian Airlines Systems have also failed and talks planned with Swissair and the Belgian airline Sabena have been postponed.

Sterling

Sterling's improvement brought a rally in equities yesterday. Helped also by City relief that the Bank's minimum share prices moved up on a thin and somewhat technical demand Little genuine investment was seen, and most buyers appeared to be professional "bear closers", who wanted stock to meet selling commit-

The FT index closed 2.2 up at 152.2, its best level of the day. ICI (118p), Distillers (65p) and British American Tobacco (152p) improved. Hints of future contracts for work in the Arab world lifted several building shares. The Times index rose 0.86 to 61.04. Oil shares remained cautious, following the fresh rise in prices by leading exporters. Investor's week, page 19

Talks collapse on sugar for UK

Representatives of the 18 African, Caribbean and Pacific Arrican, Caribbean and Pacific sugar-producing countries ended their talks yesterday without reaching agreement on the supply of 1.4 million tons of sugar to Britain under an EEC agreement, according to informed sources in London. They said the producers were seeking at least double the present level of £140 a ton which operates under the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement.—

RETAIL PRICES The following are the index numbers (January 16, 1962=100) for retail prices, not seasonally adjusted, released by the Depart-

ment of Employment yesterday:

1973

186.8 184.9 1974 191.8 189.4 193.0 196 8 203.5 194.7 201.3 March April 204.0 208.5 210.4 210.6 228 3 208 9

Date left open for freeing of scrap sales to Community

By Peter Hill Controls on the export of ferrous scrap to the EEC are to be lifted, but because of difficulties in Brussels no date has yet been fixed.

This has come as a disappointment to the British scrap indus-try which has been pressing for an end to the controls for some time, particularly in view of the United Kingdom's obliga- makers had also risen to satis-tion under the Paris Treaty to factory levels. move to free trade in scrap with the rest of the EEC by January

The Department of Industry EEC countries. Four million are iobless in EEC From Richard Wigg Paris, Dec 13

nine EEC countries, according to a survey just published by scrap exports to EEC countries could be removed. It noted that the Paris-based Organization for supplies to British steelworks Economic Cooperation and Development. This works out at around 4 per cent of the total salaried population in the Com-

arisen unexpectedly in other jobless leap,

had received significant sup-port from its five parent banks. areas. The bank is a specialist in the Eurocurrency market. Lombard North Central's profits down by £13.3m estimates that the average cost of money to it during the year

Mr Pryor: left hospital.

more than halved.

derstatt Bank collapse. aging directors resigned and it revealed recently that it staff cuts were made in all

By the end of September its

assets and deposits had been

Six of the bank's nine man-

By Christopher Wilkins
Profits of Lombard North was 12.13 per cent, compared with 8.3 per cent in the previous year. Despite this the total volume of business taken on continued to expand, particularly in the previous process. Central, the finance house sub-sidiary of National Westminster Bank, slumped by £13.3m to £5.6m in the year to the end of larly in such areas as leasing. Because of conditions

September.
The severity of the downturn, which echoes the profit slump revealed by Mercantile Credit Cyprus the group has been un-able to prepare accounts for its just over a week ago, is attri-buted to the high cost of money subsidiary there and has ex-cluded its figures from the preand provisions made against loans to the property sector. The group does not reveal the size of the provisions but lending for residential and commercial property development accounted for 27 per cent of total

vious year for the sake of comparability.

Besides its property provi-sions Lombard has charged a further £8.9m against reserves as a result of the devaluations of the Australian and New Zea-land dollars in September.

There are at present almost four million unemployed in the Government had decided "in principle" that restriction on

> The OECD experts forecast that next year will see one million unemployed both in Britain and West Germany, France, they calculate, faces a 50 per cent

gold and silver coin investment contracts, agreed yesterday to halt margin sales after the government charged it with fraud in the sale of securities.

A Securities and Exchange Commission suit filed in the federal court bere alleged one count of selling unregistered in the sale of securities.

illegal acts and against any dis-sipation of the firm's assets. The case against the coin ex-change is based on the SEC contention that under certain circumstances the sale of contracts or options in commodities is the same as the sale of securi-

In a similar action yesterday the New York regional office of the SEC filed a suit in a district court against a group of sellers of investment interests in rare coins. The same suit attacks the sale of investment interests in Scotch whisky stored in warehouses.—AP Dow Jones.

Herstatt case bankruptcy action deferred

according to an insolvency court judge here.

He said he had been informed that Herr Hans Gerling had made arrangements to secure his contribution to an agreed settlement with Herstatt creditors. The arrangements means that in all probability the mass meeting of Herstatt creditors in Cologne on Tuesday would go ahead as scheduled.—AP-Dow Jones.

Pre-tax profits of the Burton Group fell from £8.3m to £3.4m in the year to August 31. The figure was struck after taking into account profits on sales of properties totalling £3.9m. Group sales rose from £114m to £127m. The board attributes the fall in profits to the impact of the three-day week, inflationary pressures and high interest rates.

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On the trading side the group announced last night that the

had improved and the shortage of scrup, which had affected production earlier this year, was no longer a constraint. Stocks of scrap held by steel-But, the department said administrative problems had

Court halts Pacific coin margin sales

Los Angeles, Dec 13.—Pacific Coast Coin Exchange, the

It requested a court-appointed receiver for PCCE; return to investors of any profits fraudulently obtained; and in-junctions against the allegedly

ties.
PCCE's later consent to halt selling was in response to a temporary court order prohibiting the activity. It neither admitted nor denied the charges. SEC said the action should serve as a warning to some com-panies and financial institutions planning to sell gold bullion on margin when such trading be-comes legal at the year-end.

Cologne, Dec 13.—The threat of an immediate bank-ruptcy hearing in the Herstatt bank case has been averted,

£4.9m setback for Burton Group

Mr Henry Marking, deputy chairman and managing director, announced the ban yesterday. It would stay in force "as long as necessary". The airline recently announced that it would reduce its ing our objective. Wastage rates are declining

Cooler climate for the generous

One common illusion is that cost of generosity will be tax capital transfer tax—the at 10 per cent of the capital transferred, with successive details of which have now details of which have now been published in the Finance rates, until the top rate of 75 Bill—is a tax which applies only to the very rich indeed, and that the rest of us can safely ignore it.

Not so. It is a tax payable by everyone who gives during his lifetime, and on his death, £15,000 or more. If inflation continues at the present rate, that may represent an average that may represent an average his weekly wage as it comes annual wage, or if you like, in everyone who is interested the cost of a weekly season in saving and providing for his ticket. Even now, it will only buy one quite modest home.... Moreover, the liability threshold of £15,000 is on a lifetime basis. The principle is that "death" duties are to be chargeable during your life-time, at rates rising cumulatively as and when each gift is

first £15,000

per cent is reached at the £2m

The object is, of course, to deter lifetime giving, which in the past has avoided estate duty—the so-called "volun-

On the face of it, capital transfer tax is a liability which will be paid by everyone who does not spend every penny of retirement and for his family's future; everyone who recognizes that he has some responsibility towards his dependants. It is a tax on good-house-

keeping, parsimony and thriftall unfashionable virtues at the present time. And as in all tax matters, the thrifty and the thoughtful will fight back with Once the first £15,000 new counter strategies, now exemption is exhausted, the being devised. Giving will

cease to be a spontaneous, open-handed affair, but will need to become devious.

Take the two similar cases of Mr A and Mr B, both of whom each diminishing his own estate by £30,000. Incidentally, the basis of charge to tax is not the amount by which the donee's property is increased, but the amount by which the donor's is diminished, a disninction which can be of great importance, where, for in-

Now Mr A gives direct to is son, which costs him some £2,800 in tax. He must report the transfer to the Inland Revenue within six months of taking his son into partnership, with penalties for failure to do

stance, a lease is granted.

What is being given is not cash, but a business as a going concern, with premises, stocks of the business she has just and debtors, and to find two received to her son: again no

or three thousand pounds as the price of taking your son in may not be so easy.

The primary liability to pay the tax falls upon Mr A himwish to take their sous into self as the donor, but if he partnership in their businesses, makes a rude noise to the capimakes a rude noise to the capi-tal transfer tax collector, the collector is empowered to go to Mr A's son for the tax. This obviously is a necessary rule, for otherwise one could readily avoid the tax by stripping one-self of everything and defying the taxman to do his worst.

Now take the case of Mr B, rho has been much better advised than his neighbour. He gives only half the relevant share of his business to his son-£15,000 worth. No tax is chargeable, since

this is his first exempt slice. The other £15,000 of value Mr so and interest running at 9 B gives to his wife Mrs B. No per cent for unpaid tax in tax is chargeable, because gifts between spouses are-in life

£2,800. The principle which emerges from this example is that there will be advantages in giving property to one's wife (or husband) so that she (or he) may utilize capital transfer tax

Apart from the first £15,000, transfers up to the value of £1,000 may be made in any tax year by any person. Similarly, wansfers made out of a person's taxable income as part of his normal living expenditure are also ignored.

Transfers in consideration of

marriage, that is, gifts to the happy couple by parents are exempt up to £2,500 a donor. By putting one's wife in funds, one can double the available amounts to pass down the

generation gap. Full utilization of reliefs will ultimately require decisions about life-time and "death-time" gifts. All wills and codicils will need review in the

payable—£15,000 exemp- light of the new tax. So will Result: net tax saving of all insurance policies which have been taken out to provide funds to meet death duties, in some cases, the value of the policies will be too big, in

others too small. Farmers and landowners will need to think again about their tax bills on death, and beneficiaries under wills and trusts March Budget speech and the may find there is a gift tax statement issued at the time. bill to pay whenever monies are paid out to them by their

if you think of escaping the tax by leaving this country and making your permanent home abroad, that will take time. You remain liable to capital transfer tax for three years after you have left, even though the property gifted may be situated abroad. Survival for at least three years after emigration will henceforth be required to make the journey worthwhile.

Oliver Stanley

Finance Bill: insurance

New ground rules for life policies

This week's Finance Bill has paid given the life assurance industry plenty to think about, as, or the taking of a bonus. in immense detail, it sets out to block various tax "loopholes". In the main, it is what one would expect after the Chancellor of the Exchequer's

But there are some surprises both good and bad. A number of changes may very well take place as the Bill progresses through Parliament and the following represents only an outline of some of the proposals.

There is a shake-up in the rules for qualifying policies where the premiums attract tax relief. The changes will apply to policies issued after April 6, 1975 (or some later date) when the Inland Revenue will take on the responsibility for certifying whether policies do

The rule that any part of an annual premium in excess of 7 per cent of the sum assured does not qualify for tax relief is being abolished. But a rule which applied only to endow-ment policies is being amended and extended to whole life

policies. policies.

In the past, to be qualifying, an endowment policy has had to provide a capital sum on death of at least 75 per cent of the total premiums payable during its prospective term. Naturally premiums are high for those at the older age levels and, for them, the rule can act

partially.

Now it is proposed to relax the 75 per cent standard by 2 per cent for each year by which the age of the life assured at the start of the policy exceeds

The rule is being applied also to whole life policies, so that, in general, they will have to assure a capital sum on death of not less than 75 per cent of the premiums which would be payable under the policy if death were to occur at the age of 75. This, however, does not apply to term policies (so long as no provision is made for any payment on total or partial surrender) if the term does not run beyond the life assured's

75th birthday.
If the capital sum on death may be paid as a single sum or a series of sums, the 75 per cent rule is to be applied to the smallest sum payable.

The proposed rules about the "clawback" of tax relief (for policies issued after March 26, 1974) in the event of partial or total surrender have been clari-

It is proposed that, if a policy is surrendered during the first four years, the life office will have to deduct from the proceeds and pay over to the Revenue an amount equal to all or part of the total premium relief which normally will have been allowed from the start of "ceiling", designed so that the clawback does not exceed the amount by which a policy-holder's profit can be regarded as having been made out of the tax relief.

With tax relief at present at 16½ per cent, for surrender in the first or second years, the maximum clawback is the full 161 per cent of the premiums, subject to a ceiling of the surrender value less 831 per cent of the premiums.

In the third year, the claw-back is equivalent to 11 per cent of all premiums (with a ceiling of the surrender value less 89 per cent of premiums) and for surrender in the fourth vear the figures are 51 per cent and 941 per cent respectively.

The Bill provides for the

ferent where policies taken of after March 26, 1974, have ru

. The clawback position is di for at least four years. N penalty is to be imposed c industrial branch policieshome service policies when premiums are collected reg larly by an agent-or to the fir since the start of the policy.

At one stage it looked as there would be a clawback if 15-year policy should be st rendered after 14 years, but n if it had been taken out for years in the first place. It a pears as if that objection h been overcome.

Apart from those exception the new legislation provid that if (after the policy h been running for four year:
money is taken out of the poli a surrender of rights or t taking of a bonus, the life offi will claw back (and pay to t Revenue) an amount equal 161 per cent of the curre year's premiums.

If less than the current year premiums is taken by the polic holder, 161 per cent of t amount taken will be claw back and any further surrend etc, in the same year will attra further clawback until the to reaches 161 per cent of t

year's premiums.

If a loan is taken before after the policy has been ming for four years, this we count as a surrender for the purpose of clawback of a relief—except where the labears interest which is eligible. for tax relief because the lo was made for a qualifying p pose, such as house purchase

the loan is for less than £25,0 This is where the propos legislation is harsher than y expected in some quarte Clearly, an interest-free loan really a form of surrender. was hoped, however, that, if life office charges a commerc rate of interest, the loan wor be looked upon as being genuine loan and not a "fror for a surrender.

In fact, this kind of probl will not arise if, say, a loan obtained from a bank again the surrender value of a poli This seems hard on poli holders, since life offices ha always looked upon it as p of their service to provide lo-on a commercial basis to poli bolders (up to a high proport of the surrender value and w out affecting the policy) e though conditions for borrow

elsewhere might be difficult Nevertheless, if a policy been running for four years, with a surrender or withdraw the first loan can be taken ! of clawback penalty. (But the will be a charge to higher i tax if this would apply to a:

It is the second loan, or a : suffer a clawback. And, perb rather unfairly, it is propo that the penalty shall be curred even if, by the time second loan is taken,

first loan has been repaid. There is a complicated ting up operation for calculat the higher rate tax on the gr made under single premi policies, including equity, I perty and managed but where any type of loan con

as a surrender.
As promised, in the Ma
1974 Budget, the gain unde deferred annuity with a coption (the element which pays the original purchase p. under the old type of guateed income bond) will be: jected to basic rate tax as as the higher rate tax.

Savings

What price our nest-eggs now?

social and economic, supports the view that a man ought to save some part of his income during most parts of his life; his independence and self-reliance, his responsibilities for his dependants, his relationship as a member of a society whose future is pledged to economic progress." with his other citizens, his duty

That was the conclusion of the Royal Commission on the Taxation of Profits and Income. But saving as a virtue is not a modern philosophy, the Bible is full of parable driving the point home, and the message starts early; there are numerous children's books in which innocent seeming stories about ants and grasshoppers are loaded with a deeper meaning.

Never was the need for this propaganda greater than in these inflationary ages, and rarely can the citizen's social responsibility to save have been a less profitable business.

One may take as an example one of the most popular investments, a building society or-dinary share account. Comparing the rate of annual infla-tion and the amount of interest received (provided the investor did not pay tax at higher than the basic rate), one finds that inflation has taken that inflation has taken away" more than the interest received every year since 1967 and that savers are at present losing up to 10 per cent a year for the privilege of lending to

house buyers.

But before 1967 it was not vestment to provide a genuinely positive rate of return as in the years 1962-1963, 1965-1966 and 1967-1968.

The problem of protecting savings against inflation was considered by the Page Committee on National Savings. It recommended the issue of a modest index-linked bond for the small saver on the grounds

his capital against inflation. The suggested scheme would pay only 2½ per cent a year interest but the value of the bond would rise in line with the cost-of-living. The figure of 21 per cent was chosen as being about the rate of interest which has historically been paid in times of stable

The committee considered the possibility of a bond with a nil rate of interest, since the mere preservation of capital would be an improvement on that have prevailed.

But it was felt that negative rates would not have been accepted if they had been foreseen, and that an offer of anything less than 21 per cent might be a commercial failure. As it was it would "only appeal to a certain type of safety-first

That judgment has been overtaken by accelerating inflation and a crisis of confidence in many traditional investments. Indeed, the proposal of the Covernment to introduce next year two modest index-linked schemes, without interest, is seen as a matter of concern by both life offices and building Most of us have a vested in-

terest in denying the small saver a fair deal. If the capital value of all National Savings investments were protected against inflation, it would cost the exchequer an additional

£1,000m this year.

If this were raised by increasing income tax it would mean an extra 3p in the f.

Those with mortgages might sector under a cloud, like to calculate what their Guaranteed income monthly repayments would be if the mortgage rate were 25 per cent—the lowest rate that would allow societies to inflation-proof investors' deposits. Fortunately for taxpayers and

be in a position to demand better treatment. But on an in-dividual level, many investors, Any review of present savings dividual level, many investors, if they took a more professional artitude towards their savings, could improve their income without any greater inconveni-

As a start, investors should check their unproductive assets large current account bank ments such as postwar credits.

Many investors fail to take

placements for existing investments. The fourteenth issue of National Savings Certificates provide a return over four years

"A complex of reasons, moral, of 7.6 per cent. But substantial amounts of earlier issues are still outstanding, including £350m of the first nine issues

Some of these issues are now only yielding 11 per cent and only in a few cases more than

But perhaps the most sub-stantial improvement to be stantial improvement to be made is by reassessing to how much of his savings the investor needs immediate access. The price to be paid for ready encashment is high, but it is often made a prime consideration

when choosing an investment. It is a point that the uncompetitive savings media are not slow to proclaim. In a recent publication, the chairman of the National Savings Committee, Sir Robert Bellinger, claimed that "the outstanding feature of the National Savings movement is the convenience with which the investor may deposit or withdraw his savings".

The same argument pertained in 1861. One of the original supporters of the Post Office Savings Bank scheme pointed out that it would "bring the Savings Bank within less than an hour's walk of the fireside of every working man in the

The bank now has 22 million active accounts of which some thing like 41 million have balances of more than £100. There can be few of these who do not have a building society branch within the modern equivalent of an "hour's walk from their fireside", where, apart from those who also have investment accounts and pay no tax, they would immediately improve their return from 4 per cent to

71 per cent without sacrificing

the ability to withdraw money on demand. Building society investors themselves tend to be too impressed by the money-on-demand facility of ordinary share accounts. Just about a half of building society accounts are for less than £250, but since the average holding is in the region of £1,000 there must be a lot of fairly substantial investors who have more on deposit than they are likely to need to

cover emergencies.
Yet the attractions of building society term shares, where a higher rate is paid in return for a commitment to save for a fixed term, have only recently been appreciated by significant numbers of investors.
The scope for improving in-

resiment income is far wider it lyou can set aside a part of your savings which will not be needed for the next year or two. One of the most popular fixed term investments in recentyears has been local authority loans.

The rates currently offered for terms of one to five years are higher than almost any other alternative open to the small saver. The minimum investment is often £500 but it may be as low as £200. You can get an idea of rates

from advertisements in the weekend papers or from the Southern Loans Bureau, Westminster City Hall, Victoria Street, London, SW1. Finance houses are usually

willing to borrow from the

public either for a fixed period

of time or for an indefinite period with an agreed period of notice for withdrawals. In the past savers have been advised to stick to the big well-known companies but the recent problems of the biggest of them all, United Dominions

Trust, have placed the whole Guaranteed income bonds have gone right out of fashion since the removal of tax concessions and the well publicized difficulties of some insurance companies that were over-en-thusiastic in their efforts to people with mortgages there is little danger that investors will a few hybrid varieties available but yields offered are now

opportunities is bound to be rather cheerless. There is no way, with even a measure of security, to achieve a return affer tax that will keep up with inflation this year.

You can only try to keep your loss as small as possible, pray balances and unclaimed entitle for better days and seek the rather doubtful consolation that Many investors fail to take by saving you are fulfilling advantage of higher yielding re your duty as a responsible

Michael Bayliss

Up to our necks in goulash after a helping of paprikanomics

There are those who say that if all the economists in the world were laid end to end they would not reach a conclusion, whereas there are others who argue that there is no need to go that far, proof being satisfied by the fact that a combination of any three of them will produce five different opinious.

In any event, the general feeling is that things have gone to the dogs ever since the repeal of the Code of Hammurabi. which discouraged inaccurate economic forecasting by decreeing that the offender be tied up in a sack together with a dog, an ape and a serpent.

Nowadays, of course, economists are rewarded with fame and fortune in direct propor-tion to the amount of damage caused by the practical applica-tion of their policies. This has particular relevance to our present situation, since we are about to experience the practi-calities of what is known in the trade as the Hungarian Connection.

The theories emanating from this dual, but somewhat passe, source have already reduced the economies of four or five other countries into a shambles. However, fate clearly has in store for us a stronger dose of paprikanomics than any nation has ever suffered before, so at any moment we can expect to find ourselves right in the

one do? Know thine enemy for start: but in this instance it is a daunting task, because the writings of economists are deservedly renowned as the very source and fountain-head of boredom. According to the Guinness Book of Records, no less than seven of the 10 most boring people in the world are in fact economists, the olive wreath currently being worn by Dr Midas Doppelganger of Mae West University, Florida, whose work on the crypto-Malthusi-anism of gold is generally held

to be the most vilely written treatise in the entire history of American soi-disant scholarship. As for the real truth behind the future for gold, the facts are found to fit an altogether simpler theory than Doppelganger's—namely the Kinsman Dolly-Bear Hypothesis. This states that as soon as dolly-birds

Car insurance



as soon as dolly-birds start talking about any particular type of investment . . it is time for the professionals to unload.

ticular type of investment at as a fruit cake, or a sociologist's cocktail parties, it is time for child who didn't throw the professionals to unload.

strikingly observed in the Poseidon affair, and is now clearly applicable to Krugerrands. You have been warned. But I digress. Unlike other he was supposed to have lost disciplines, acquiring knowledge two fortunes and made three about economics in an effort to understand what is going on is been the other way round. So what, you may ask, does geon of knowledge acquired represents just an admission nicket into an even more im-

possible problem. Unfortunately, economists never realize this. Not for them economists the modesty of Isaac Newton who described himself as only playing with the pebbles on the shore of the ocean of truth. No self-respecting economist would dream of such a metaphor.

Economics, moreover, like the related disciplines of sociology and psychology, though not sciences at all in the pure sense of the word, are yet assumed to be such by their practitioners. Trying to be precise in an imprecise medium has fatal results, as is shown by the small-scale application of their theories by social scientists in their cwn lives.

I mean, have you ever met a start talking about any par- psychologist who wasn't as nutty satisfactory compromise between

meringues at the cat and set the This phenomenon was first dustbins alight, or an economist trikingly observed in the who had more than two brass farthings to rub together?

Admittedly, John Maynard Keynes died mightily rich, but No the thing we must do with these people is to divorce them from the future. I'm afraid we are lumbered with them for the present, since they have such

damage. But what those of us who are of a like and imaginative mind -philosophers, visionaries, long-range planners and technological forecasters—must do is to get together and devise a model of the kind of society we would ideally hope to see in 15 years' time. In devising it we must not, of course, pay the slightest attention to what is

and play right into the economists' hands. When we have perfected our Utopia so that it represents a

happening at the moment which

would cloud the issue with facts

capitalist, government, academic and man in the street, then we have to work out how in the world we are roightly going to get there from 'ere. Some parts of the system may have to be advanced more slowly than others and some may even have to be postponed indefinitely, but nevertheless we will end up, with luck, with something which is theoretically agreeable and practically attainable. Anyway, what is the alterna-ve? The economists' method

the requirements of consumer

a stranglehold on the situation is to tinker constantly with the that to take them away from it works ("fine tuning", they call too abruptly would do even more it) so that we lurch from one side to the other in wild overcompensation. The volatility of the machine leads to ever more violent swings, until eventually the safety-valve gives way and the whole contraption erupts in a cascade of steam and flying metal

So, in brief, it can't be long before the economists will be moved over to let somebody else have a go. Speaking as a philosopher, visionary, long-range planner and technological forecaster myself, I am rather looking forward to it.

Francis Kinsman

same principle (with suitable modifications) to be applied where a policy is made partly

John Drummoi

Breakdown service to the rescue

As far as I am aware, only one motor insurance policy provides a recovery service after a breakdown. Norman Frizzell Motor and General Limited administers the motor insurance for 350,000 /~ policyholders with a large syndicate at Lloyd's and the standard comprehensive policy can provide some "breakdown" cover on payment of an extra premium of 25p. For that premium, neturally,

has broken down for up to 10 miles from the place where the breakdown occurred. If the car can be repaired at the roadside, the cost of the one outward and return journey of the breakdown vehicle (and

at the roadside) will be met under the insurance. In the main insurers think that to cover breakdown under clearly, did not have the fin- has a minor breakdown which a normal motor policy would ancial resources to become can be put right for the price be to move towards giving a authorized insurers. The alter- of an hour or two of a mechmaintenance contract to these native was for the clubs to anic's time, plus a spare part,

coming.

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not more than one hour's labour

A few years ago a number of proprietary clubs were set up to offer breakdown recovery services to motorists at a lower cost than membership of one of the motoring organizations plus its subscription for the



the cost of towing a car which any one of more than 120 depots."

authorized insurers.

recovery services are con-Most of the clubs, quite

insurance with authorized

insucers. For instance, members of ship. what is claimed to be the largest accident/major breakdown re-

offering insurance, but were not stranded motorist through any meeting the requirements of one of more than 120 depots. But it is not a complete. The Automobile Association, recovery service which is however, is recognized as an authorized insurer so far as its offered to members free of charge. Only recoveries after an accident or major breakdown

come into this category. The view is that if a member policyholders. But there are arrange for their members to this is something which the signs that changes may be be covered by a contract of member himself can meet. This. be covered by a contract of member himself can meet. This, naturally, has the effect of keeping down the cost of member-

Nevertheless, if a member suffers from what appears to be a naturally, it is a condition that covery organization in the minor breakdown, but cannot country, the National Break obtain help—if, perhaps, he is down Recovery Club, which is unfamiliar with the area, or it is plus its subscription for the recovery service.

Some of these had their problems, with the result that there were a number of takeovers and amalgamations. In due course the Department of Trade took an interest in these activities and pronounced that it considered the clubs were down Recovery Club, which is based in Bradford, pay a subscription of £3.50 per annum (or less, if they are members of the AA or RAC) and have the nearest reliable garage which should be able to provide which should be able to provide the necessary facilities. This advice is free, but the member has to pay the garage for the work. the clubs were year and help can be sent to a work.

If, however, a member has a serious breakdown, or what appeared to be a minor breakdown proves to be rather more serious, the recovery club will arrange to take the car and passengers home free of charge to the member. Or, the car can be taken to the member's local The distance involved is im-

material. The recovery will be undertaken free of charge from anywhere on the British mainland, except that a member will have to pay any ferry or toll fees which may be incurred. The recovery service applies equally to motorways, free of cost, after accident or serious

breakdown. Also, a member can ask to be recovered from a motorway after a stoppage of any kind If the fault proves to be minor, the club says that turnout and repair will be charged to the member "at a fair price

applicable to the time of the breakdown ". One exclusion applies to an accident within five miles of home. In this event free recovery will not be provided, since so often the cost will be met under a comprehensive

Cars, motor cycles and threewheelers up to 30 cwt can be covered under the scheme and, any vehicle covered in this way must be roadworthy and be in

motor policy.

Understandably, if a car is used for rallying or competitions, no cover is provided. Nevertheless, "at cost" terms are available to members.

Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Medium fund (progress this year and in the

three years). Unit	holders	index 9	96.7 : fall from Dece	mber 3
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Gartmore British	-9.2		Legal & General	-49.0
Henderson Capital	-17.2 -27.2	-27.2	Lloyds Life M	-49.1
Family Fund	-27.2	-32.1	Nat Invs Second	-49.4
Sebag Capital	-29.8		Pearl Montagu	-49.7
i Brown Saipley	-30.5	-22.9	Hill Samuel Secr	-49.8
Kowan Securities	-31.2	_	Stronghold Priority	- 50.6
Piccadilly Inc/Grow	-31.3 -31.5	-27.8	Pelican	~50.7 -50.7
Buckingham	-31.6 -32.2	-2/.8	Ulster Bank Gr	
Mariborough Archway Capital F	-72.2	-39.2	NPI Ge Accum F Ariel	-50.8
British Life Baluced	-33.7	-35.2 -44.4	Equity & Law	-51.0 -51.4
L& C Unit Trust	-35.0	74.4	Jessel General	_ 51.4 _ 51.4
Kleinwort Benson F	-35.0	-31.3	Hambro Fund	-51.4 -51.7
Wickmoor	-35.3		Nat Scot-Units	-52.0
Friars House M	-37.1	_	Jessel Capital	-52.3
Hendsron Inc Assets	-371	-39.5	S & P Scotshares	-52.3
Prolific	-37.7	-39.6	Target Equity	-52.3
National Consolid	-37.8	-25.1	Nat Domestic	- 52.4
Ouadrant F	-37.9		Abbey General	- 52.4 - 52.5
Nat West Growth	-38.7	-36.9	Hill Samuel Brit	-52.5
M & G General	-39.1		Target Consumer	-52.5 -52.9
Slater Walker Gro	-39.1	- 30.9 27.6	National Invest	_53.1
			M & G Trustee	-53.1 -53.2
National Commerci M & G Sec General	- 40.0	-33.2	Lloyds Bank Sec	-53.3
	- 40.1	- 29.2	Capital Priority	-53.4
National Hundred	-40.2	-26.5	S & P General	-53.4
Intel	-41.1	- 39.7	Friends Prov	-53.6
Nat Group Provi	-41.4	-43.4	Minster	- 53.6
National Shamrock		-27.9	Tyndali Cap M	- 54.0
Allied First	- 42,0	-35.8	Unicom Trustee	-54.2
BIF Second	-42.8	 40.3	Trustee Savings Bk	- 54.2
Canlife General	-43.3	-38.6		- 34.4
Tascot Sect Leads	-44.3	- 55.1	Prudential Unicorn " 500 "	-54.3
Merlin	-44.8	-43.0	OBICOLD 200	-54.5
Elect & Indust	-45.1	-43.5	Framlington Cap F	-54.5 -54.7
Carliol F	-45.1	-36.5	M & G Midiand Guardhill	-54.9
British Life	-45.3	-47.7	Unicorn Capital	-35.3
National Security	-45.4	-41.2		-33.3 -55.3
Neistar	-45.6	- 47.8	Discretionary F	
Colemco	-45.7	-7.0	Portfolio Growth	-55.5
Clyde General	-45.9	-45.5	Unicorn General	-56.1
National Century	-46.3	-37.9	Lloyds Bak First	- 56.2
Wieler Growth F	-46.4	37.3	Oceanic Growth	- 56.6
Cabot F	- 46.5	-40.7	S & P Ebor Gen	- 56.9
Oceanic General	-46.5	-54.7	Crescent Res	-57.4
Mutual Secur Plus	-46.7	-49.4	Trades Union	-57.9
Glen Fund	-46.7		Ionian Growth F	-58.1
	_45./	-50.9	Hill Samuel Cap	-58.6
Target Professional Mutual Blue Chip	-47.0	-50.7	E Cosmopolitan Gr	-58.9
Absone Ciarre		-49.1	Barbican	- 58.9
Abacus Giants	-48.0 -48.0	- 49.5	Schroder General	- 59.2
Allied Growth & Inc		-46.6	Equitas	-60.1
National D	-48.4	-42.6	Gt Winchester M	-60.4
Target Thistle	-48.5	-51.2	Emblem Fund F	-60.6
Allied Capital	-49.0 -49.0	-48.0	Tyndall Canynge Private Portfolio	-63.4
G and A	-49.0	-49.5		-66.2
A : Change over one	year a	ffer to h	old, net income reinve	sted.
B . Change over the		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	- hid met income rei	unceted

B: Change over three years offer to bid, net income reinvested. Both taken to December 12, 1974.

M: Trust valued monthly. F: Trust valued every two weeks. Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, 30 Fins Square, London EC2.

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9rounders week life poi MC strategy ld store r discounters

arket investors received a sharp reminder last week of national economic factors which lie behind the City's ess. The mere suggestion that some oil groups were liged to make oil payments entirely in dollars, rather nerling, was enough to drive down the pound, and send and equities tumbling in its wake. and equities tumbling in its wake.

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indices lost about 6 per cent, the FI index shedding [52.2—and there was some unloading of shares by al investors, who have always been quick to fear the sterling. Expectation of poor United Kingdom trade or November did, of course, do nothing to help.

locked in

want control of the company

Existing shareholders could be

Moreover, it is probable that conditions would be attached to

any future dividend payments.

All these possibilities, then, sug-

gest that the risks entailed in continuing to hold the shares are

Mr Albert Gubay, former chair-

Mr A. C. Southon, chairman of

are significant pointers to

Comet Radiovision, where the

share price is now at 14p some

960 below the subscription rate

of 110p in January, 1972. Again,

slow sales of white and brown

goods during the summer, allied to a high level of over-

stocking, forced pre-tax profits down by some £500,000 to

The sale of its television ental business—a £300,000

fair indication of the pres sures on liquidity, while

larger creditors were, and still

are, impatient to improve their

10 per cent decline in sales in the second six months of the year to September-when an extra six warehouses came on stream - and from

Other than as complete gambles, the consumer durable

discounters should be left alone

Henry Thornton was allocated the £2,000 worth of local authority negotiable bonds for

coupon than he expected at 14;

appears to lie ahead.

generator—to GEC's Rentals for £1.73m was

And it is a similar story at

present prospects

£1.47m.

rental

Spectra

own cash flow.

man of Kwik Save.

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like Longbridge or
cople who believed in
ish motor industry
ares in the company.

when help the strict of the company's shortterm borrowings and the
promise of further cash support
after that, will take an equity
stake in the company. It is
almost always true that in situations like this the extent of
support turns out to be greater
than at first suggested.

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Religible Lough with the support ares in the company.

Guesswork now suggests that are been badly disBritish Leyland might need as Apart from a short- much as £200m from the Gov-

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Lcyland, the shares much larger than that; in which
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that the Government,

plethora of new issues and 1972 some of the ort-term killings were the retail discounters. only is it difficult to ne of the stocks, but holders have in some their investments fall cent or more.

e possible exception s little reason for any over the discounters t year or so. man out is Kwik Save loated in December,

e equivalent of 54p, is then a prospective of 15.6. Thanks both ambitious building and restricting the to only 400 lines at o 30 per cent below nearby independent tax profits exploded £650,000 hefore the 2.7m in the year to

the fact that the share price is now the launch price is for it is rare that of £12m of the hares upon an unmarket before emigrating to New Albert Gubay did in

said, some tribute id to him for the forerecruiting a high ecutive team able to this blow. saps the real reason recent share price

city rumours that a ay be on the prowl, and RCA the almost avourites. : less, some support Save rating can still

i its profit potential.
rose nationally by an 31 per cent by September and about 20 per cent nd one can infer that

scounters should be a disproportionate market hould be added the o current and future of outlets which

past developments zinning to contribute as launch costs of a drag. In addiis the unexpected bonus—about £11m -backs—arising from y's recent Budget

sumer durable disnowever, present a picture. MFI, for in May. aunched e equivalent of 81p guishing at 8p after retering of earnings and a 2.4p drop to e in the gross divi-the tale has been traditional dangers rapid expansion at the signs that the hoom retailing could not

the second part of year customers swing from cash to rasing, thus imposing Im strain on cash raising the credit

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mers' Association, veryone else had a * flation, or rather in-Administration ing. In its latest Henderson Henderson Administration, which bought the First Investor's financial planning and unit trust division of J. H. Vavasseur a couple of months ago, has rapidly digested its new acquisition. Not surprisionly the funds now all have ished this week, the looks at what the can do wer is a not very g one: "Very lit-ids: "Many of the ingly, the funds now all have the prefix Henderson rather than Vavasseur, but it is from its up-market Henderson ch in theory can be not be at all practi-

em might contribute Financial Management that the group has the greatest expec-tations. up prices or give lvantage at someone use, or both." As Jim Sanger, the managins for coping with ing director, says, to preserve ange from working capital "in the prevailing legislative and economic climate is already so difficult that the do-it-yourself era industry or service one union which can

has gone for ever ".

FINANCIAL NEWS

Surplus on property sales alone keeps Burton Group in profit

The expected slide in profits at Burton Group in the year to end August takes the form of a fall in the pre-tax total from £2.5m to £4.5m, reflecting both higher interest rates and fall in the pre-tax total from £2.5m to £4.5m, reflecting both higher interest rates and from £3.3m to £3.4m. Fully diluted earnings per share are down from 11.6p to 7.4p but the final dividend has been maintained at the net level to give a rise in the full year gross equivalent from 6.3p to 6.58p a share.

Had it not been for a £3.9m profit on the sale of properties, Burton would have finished the year in the red. For though the group recorded a trading profit of £6.2m—well down, of course, on the £11.1m made in the previous year—that profit has been more than offset by other factors. Interest charges have jumped from £2.5m to £4.5m, reflecting both higher interest rates and increased borrowings, while the costs of closing down or reorganizing unprofitable ventures has run out at over £2.2m. Of that £2.2m about £1m was absorbed in the rationalization of the same period last year and that profitability has been shops—where there were eight closures and a number of conversions into Top Shops—and the bulk of the remainder by the reorientation of the group's substantial French business. Here Burton has shifted its emphasis towards the top end of the market, with considerable success so far, and rationalized its manufacturing operations by

14 weeks are 11 per cent ahead of the same period last year and that profitability has been improving.

The appeal of Sears to Galliford

Holdings for housebuilding and property group Galliford Estates shows that Galliford had no reasonable alternative to accepting 40p in cash (or a partial equity alternative). It also puts a question mark against most other housebuilding and property company balance

Galliford published its last accounts early last month. They showed an asset value of 184p a share. The directors decided to take the Sears bid because "by the middle of 1975 Galliford will need further financial support if it is to continue in its present form, but your directors do not believe that such support will be available". Bankers have tightened up

Bankers have tightened up on their lending. The last accounts spoke of a loan facility of f4m. Last month "there was a reduction of a third in the amount to be advanced on certain properties being financed under this facility,". Galliford shareholders who

bought at the placing price of 12p in 1968 (there has been a three for two scrip issue since) may feel consoled to get 40p cash now, or take Sears shares and some cash of 34p a share. Galliford directors, with 34.4 per cent of the capital, back the bid and Sears have been buying

UK problems hit Walmsley (Bury)

Crippling increases in labour to obtain the required level of shift operation and the effects of the three-day week all made for a bad year to September 30, especially in the United Kingdom, for Walmsley (Bury), the papermaking machinery specia-list.

The group says world-wide confidence in the paper indus-try has declined. But certain projects appear likely to go ahead and are being pursued to bring order books to acceptable

A second half in which profits fell 42 per cent to £719,000 pretax meant the company was un-able to improve on the 38 per the 12 months 41 per cent down

Greene, King & Sons

Last year was a record for Greene, King & Sons, the Suffolk-based brewers, but this term, because of lower margins, the best the board can predict is that profits will be at least maintained. In the half year to

The formal offer from Sears October 31 taxable profits moved up from £882,000 to £936,000 and while the board give no figure they say the volume of beer sales is well ahead of last year and the group's market share continues to grow. The interim dividend is being raised from 1.75p to

Nasty surprise from Pegler Hattersley

Dealers on the Stock Exchange were caught by Pegler-Hattersley yesterday. They put the shares 6p down to a new "low" of 42p, against a 1973-74 peak of 236p. Pre-tax profits in the holf species of 2000 per the control of the holf species of 2000 per the change of 2000 per the species of 2000 per the change of 2000 per th the half year to September 30 fell £1.1m to just over £3m, pulling down earnings a share

came up against price controls and the building slump, which hit its plumbers' brassware and

hearing accessories.

Metal stock depreciation cost the group £510,000, against a credit of £520,000 in the same months the year before. The figures would have been worse but for a rise in profits from associated company profits, which now include McEvoy Oilfield Equipment.

Apart from building, orders are still good, but the second half year will probably not be quite so good as a year earlier when metals were booming. Meanwhile the interim dividend goes up from 2.85p to 3.35p.

Metal merger shelved

Talks about a merger between Charles Clifford Industries and Metal Products (Willenhall) have been deferred by mutual agreement, because of uncertain economic and trading con- 3.41p to 1.94p (from 2.3p to ditions. Both boards are in 1.3p net).

regular contact and shareholders will be kept informed. Late in 1973 Clifford decided not to go ahead with an intended offer for Metal Products, which has a 27 per cent stake in Clifford.

Jonas Woodhead accelerates

Reporting the preceding year sales and profits at fresh peaks, Jones Woodhead & Sons, Leedsvehicle suspension specialists, appear to have been somewhat cautious in July on prospects for the current year. In the event the half-time outcome shows acceleration of growth with pre-tax profits climbing 26 per cent to £1.26m (against 21 per cent for the full year) on turnover 25 per cent higher (17 per cent) at £15.2m. The directors expect to beat from 8.7p to 6.4p.

Profits slipped even before writing down metal stocks (by f112,000 to £3.56m) as Pegler from 2.5p to 2.62p.

Interim loss of Victoria Carpet

Although the United Kingdom company recorded a small procompany recorded a small pro-fit, the combination of very adverse trading conditions in Australia and the effect of the revaluation of the Australian dollar have produced a group loss of £109,000 before tax, against a profit of £453,000 at Victoria Carpet Holdings. The board feels that current trading conditions may continue until conditions may continue until the year end, but it is expected that there will be an improve-ment on these results in the

Turnover is down from 54.3m to £4m. Shareholders will re-ceive an interim of 0.64p, against 0.62p gross (maintained at 0.43p net) while the year's total is expected to dip from

Contracting side checks ATV

results in the 27 weeks to September 29. The setback in television contracting was, of course. forecast in the last annual report and was largely responsible for the 27 per cent drop in group pre-tax profits to £2.43m against an improvement in overall sales from £25.3m to £27.2m.

Although the results for Network are not expected to show £54.9m.

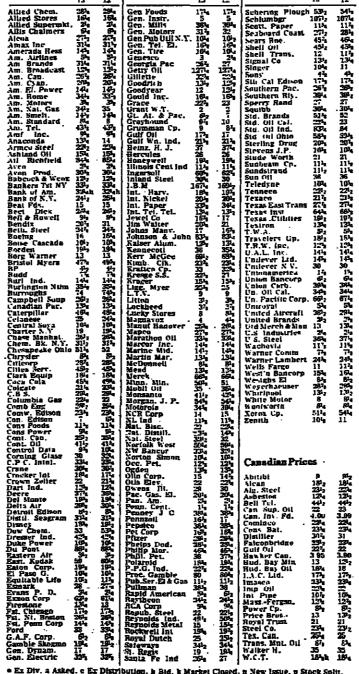
Apart from ATV Network, all any improvement in the closing of the ATV Corporation's main half, the other divisions, pardivisions turned in excellent lishing are showing a marked lishing, are showing a marked improvement and the board has every reason for confidence about the outcome for the full year. But in view of the present economic circumstances, it has been thought prudent to reduce the interim dividend from 2.98p to 2.76p a share gross. Last year ATV turned in pre-tax profits £7.27m on a turnover of

Wall Street

New York, Dec 13 .- After marking time for much of today, the New York stock market sagged in afternoon and closed ower in quiet trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 3.60 points to finish at 592.77, after posting four straight gains in the week. It was ahead

about three points at midday, its best level. Again, the p/e ratio of 3 and yield of 28} per cent take their lead both from the near Silver closes higher w York, Dec 15.—Comex SILVER es closed 9.0 to 10.8 cents higher, se ended not 8.500 to 10.8 tents higher, se ended not 8.500 to 10.8 tents higher, se ended not 8.500 to 10.8 tents higher, see the seed of the se which he applied last weck at par and at a rather higher 60.40c; Sept. 61.30-61.50c; Nov. inquested world SUGAR futures closed with limit gains of 2.00 cents for the first time this work on small trade buying and day trading by commission houses, Spot 11.50 up 1.00; Jen. 44.07c nominal: March. 44.45-43.50c; May. 42.20-12.35c; Johy. 39.40c; Sept. 36.60-27.25c; May. 25.60c. COTTON futures prices drifted narrowly involved the season with loses of 0.70 to 0.60 co. 10.50 co



Stock markets

Better performance from gilts

The first week of the trading account ended with a useful technical rally, which reflected the more confident tone of the pound, and the unchanged Bank of England minimum lending rate. Satisfaction with the victory of the moderate leaders of the miners' union was tempered by the disclosure that retail prices had risen by 18 per cent in November.

The FT index rose by 2.2 to 152.2, to reduce the fall on the week to 9.3 points, or about 6 per cent. Recorded bargains, at 5.984, remained low, indicating that the buying came mostly from bear closers, rather than

from bear closers, rather than from institutional investors. Turnover has not been heavy this week, although money totals of £35.2m on Wednesdand £38.4m on Thursday showed increasing selling pres-

The gilt edged market had a much more encouraging session yesterday. After opening barely steady at overnight levels, light buying developed and, with few sellers in evidence, prices turned upwards from around

turned upwards from around late morning.

Short-dated stocks benefited particularly from this movement, rising by up to ? point in some cases. Medium and long-dated stocks rose by between ! and ! point. The belief — subsequently proved correct—that the minimum lending rate would not rise, contributed to the increased demand for stocks.

Additionally, the reports that

Additionally, the reports that the Saudis would continue to invest strongly in sterling assets was another favourable factor, together with the fact that some over selling had occurred in the recent depressed conditions. In the equity market, most

of the international leaders moved higher yesterday. ICI (118p), Glaxo Hidgs (188p), Unilever (164p) and Bats (152p) edged forward. There was a rally in Distillers, with the shares finally 2p up at 65p as the selling which greeted the results faded away.

Speculative interest was shown in the building and contracting shares, where the market was looking for substantial contracts for work in the

marker was tooking for substantial contracts for work in the Arab world. Favoured were shares in R. Costain (72p) and Taylor Woodrow (79p)—both groups are active in the Middle East.

Motor trade and heavy engineering issues gained little benefit from the market rally. BLMC remained unchanged at 7p, while GKN (98p), Tube Investments (122p), and Vickers (71p) hovered around their overnight levels.

There was fresh demand for shares in Furness Withy (136p). The shipping group has always been regarded as high on any Arab shopping list. Other shipping issues had a quiet session, however.

Trading statements lowered Trading statements lowered Peglar Hattersley (42p), and Jevons Cooper (113p). Central Manufacturing (213p) were a

firm feature.

A fresh rise in oil prices by the major exporters left oil shares little changed. There was some support for gold shares, but turnover was well below recent levels. below recent levels.

Equity turnover on December
12 £38.4m was (11,958 bargains). Active stocks yesterday,
according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Cons Goldfields, Lonrho, Unilever,
Burmah, National Westminster

Early Commercial Union, De Bank, Commercial Union, De Beers Dfd, Bats and GEC.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

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1.0	1.0	31/1		3.0
8.94	8.0	28/1		19.29
1.96	1.75	7/2	_	5.93
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25.0Š	18.0€	1/4	— -	104,05
4.91	4.0	7/3	7.0	6.0
2.61	2.5	30/1	2.61	2.5
1.3		27/1		4.68
1.56	1.56		_	3.93
Nil			_	2.0
50.05	45.0\$	_	84.05*	62.05
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Moderna now faced with cash counter-bid

Having agreed some six weeks ago to a bid from Bond Worth Holdings, worth about 8.67p a share in loan stock exchange, Moderna (Witney) is now faced with a counter-bid from Mountain Securities offering some 64p cash for each Moderna ordinary. Conditions include no reference to the Monopolies Commission, while at present Mountain does not intend to make any offer for the preference. the preference.
County Bank is satisfied that

Mountain has sufficient financial resources to implement the offer in full, and it is hoped to have discussions with the direc-tors of Moderna which will lead to unanimous recommendation.

Initial services likely to slow in second half Higher first half profits and

turnover, but lower margins are reported from Initial Services, but the board gives a warning to shareholders not to expect the second half to produce a similar profit increase. In the first half to September 30 profit increased by 18.4 per cent, from £2.39m to £2.83m, on turnover showing a 26 per cent gain from £17.3m to £21.8m. But the figures reveal that margins have slipped from 13.8 per cent to 13 per cent. Interest charges were lower at £174,000 against £181,000, and after tax of £1.6m against £1.28m the attributable balance emerged at £1.22m against £809,000.

Seagrams £13m Scottish spending drive

On the heels of the Distillers Company announcing a cut back in whisky production, American-controlled Seagram Distillers unveils a near £13m investment programme in Scot-

land.

Mr Edgar Bronfman, president of Distillers CorporationSeagrams, the United States
parent of SD, says the group will be building a new £10m bottling plant near Glasgow
The group will extend its
Glenlivet distillery to boost
production from 500,000 to two
million gallons of malt whisky.
Coupled with this is a brand
new distillery under construction which should be in production by next autumn. duction by next autumn.

The Messina (Transvaal) Development Company Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

Summary of Group Results

R000's	1974	1973
Profits before Tax	39,696	21,493
Profits after Tax	27,008	15,375
Profit attributable to Messina Shareholders	18,951 [']	11,032
Earnings (cents per share)	175	102
Dividends (cents per share)	60	43

The Chairman, Commander H. F. P. Grenfell, D.S.C., R.N. (Ret'd) and Directors state in their Report for year to 30th September 1974 that:

- Consolidated profits attributable to shareholders increased to R19M which represents an increase of 72 per cent over the last financial year.
- The rise in profits was mainly due to the high level of copper prices experienced during the period January-June 1974.
- All subsidiary and associated companies acquitted themselves well although Datsun suffered a fall in profits caused principally by a shortage of components in the first half of the year.
- Premier Metal had another excellent year. Profits after tax trebled since acquisition by the Company two years ago.
- The Company has now taken an interest in the manufacture and distribution of television equipment. Profit contribution is likely to commence in 1975/76 after the advent of television in South Africa.
- The year's results are highly satisfactory as a means of strengthening the Group's financial position. They should however be regarded as a welcome windfall, rather than a pointer to the immediate future.

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Company's London Registrars at 6 Greencoat Place, London, S.W.1.

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ter, 259,45; Uncoin, 259,85.

Timber.—There were very few sales this work, trade sources said. Pricos were low compaired with levels earlier in the year. Exporters are not forcing the market at all. Swedish and rimish exporters remain very quiet, and the Russians have not yet even released their stock notes and prices. However, recent wet weather in Sweden could mean difficulties in collecting logs, and entail a shoriage of logs next year, the source said.

Some quarters believe that prices can drop no more and an upsurge should soon begin

CRAY ELECTRONICS
Since publication of report and accounts, orders have improved and now stand at over 55m, chair-

BRAITHWAITE (ENGINEERS)
Interim profit £100,000 (£95,000)
pre-tax. Turnover £3,03m (£2.22m).

Sales in first quarter in line with projections for year, chairman told annual meeting.

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The motal fell from 19.500 in June to 17.700 tonnes period a year of 187.000 tonnes in July. Production in the year to fully dropped from 187.000
Consell Statistics show. World consumption of primary ith metal fell to 55.500 tonnes in the second quarter of 1971 compared with 51.900 in the first quarter. In the year ending June. Consumption from 187.000 to 18.000 to 18.000

Discount market

Discount houses had to contend

vesterday not only with the market's nervousness about a possible move in Bank of England

minimum lending rate—which did not ultimately take place-

but also with a shortage of dayto-day credit that undoubtedly stemmed to a considerable degree

from the foreign exchange settle-

official support for sterling.
Once it became clear that minimum lending rate was unlikely, after all, to change, the situation eased considerably, and closing balances were picked up fairly cheaply, between 2 and 5 per cent.

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¹2^ee 11.ast changed 28/2/74 i Clearing Banks Base Rate 12^e¢ Discount Mit. Loans 4^e Usechend, Open 5 Week Pixed: 10^e1-10^ek

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· Flat interest yield.

Bank Base

Rates

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FNFC 13 %

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Lloyds Bank .. 12 %

Midland Bank .. 12 %

Nat Westminster 12 %

Shenley Trust .. 121%

20th Cent Bank 12 %

Williams & Glyn's 12 % Members of Accepting Houses
Committee.

● Demands deposits. 11',% £10,000 and over. 7-day deposits in excess of £10,000 up to £25,000 10%; over £25,000 10%.

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The Times

Largest financial phares Largest financial and industrial shares

Share Indices

Money Market

following Wednesday's

Chancery Division

No issue between parties relief refused

Baring Brothers & Co Ltd v ICI Pension Fund Securities Ltd Before Mr Justice Goulding

An application for declaratory relief involving the interpretation of the Counter-Inflation (Business Rents) Orders of 1973 and 1974 was refused on the grounds that the application did not relate to an immediately effective question be-tween the parties and that the Attorney General had not been made a party to the proceedings:
His Lordship dismissed an originating summons taken out by Baring Brothers & Co Ltd to which haring brothers of Co Ltd to which all the construction of the orders, there was in relation to Baring Brothers at 16 Local Physics at 16 Local Ph premises at 145 Leadenhall Street a standard rate or a basic rate in

sionally at 110.80 on December 10

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against 111.29 a week earlier.

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a standard rate or a basic rate in regard to rent and, if so, how it would affect a proposed transaction between the parties.

Mr S. A. Stamler, QC, and Mr Michael Essayan for Baring Brothers; Mr Gerald Godfrey, QC, and Mr W. R. Stewart-Smith for ICI Pension Fund.

HIS LORDSHIP said that it was HIS LORDSHIP said that it was an application made to the court on which he felt it correct first to raise for decision a question as to the court's jurisdiction. The

as to the court's jurisdiction. In originating summons was entitled "In the matter of premises known as 145 Leadenhall Street Loudon EC3 and in the Matter of the Counter-Inflation (Business Rents) Orders of 1973 and 1974." It was Orders of 1973 and 1974." It was taken out by Baring Brothers as plaintiffs making ICI Pension Fund Securities Ltd the sole defendant. It claimed certain declaratory relief in relation to the operation of the orders to possible future lettings of the premises. Baring Brothers were the owners of the premises, and they were and intended to remain in occupation. ICI Pension Fund had no interest, and never had had any interest, in the premises. Nor was there any dispute of any kind between the parties.

What the proceedings con-

What the proceedings con-cerned appeared from the affidavit of Lord Howick of Glendale, a director of Baring Brothers. It explained that Baring Brothers explained that Baring Brothers wished to sell the premises to ICI Pension Fund for their full market value and take a lease back at a rent which would provide the fund with a fair commercial return on the purchase price. It was estimated that such a rent would be in the region of £225,000 per annum.

The fund had expressed contern lest one or other of the

The rund had expressed con-cern lest one or other of the Counter-Inflation Orders might prevent them from recovering such a rent while the orders remained in force. Baring Brothers maintained that there was nothing in either order which would pre-cent vectors in full of any rent vent recovery in full of any rent which the parties might mutually agree, and accordingly relief was sought from the court.

So the proceedings were unusual. The plaintiff at fendant companies, though as such, came hand in his court. His Lordship had; deal of sympathy with the because much modern legi raised difficult questions (struction with implications ing the parties' dealings.

The court had to whether the application which the court could or or

entertain. It had been con in reliance on Order 15; of the Rules of the Supremand on reported authority ing Hanson v Radcliffe ([1922] 2 Ch 490) and Co Wilson ([1937] 2 KB 309), a court's jurisdiction was not but was infinite. The quest whether his Lordship should

cise it. Cases on such questions that there were at least two that the court had to c carefully in doubtful case the present. One was the c of the proper use of the of judges. There was no of that it might place the c the position of legal advise if the courts were to assuaddition to their other jurisdiction on matters such present, there might have a great addition in the pur judges. Any application there was no immediately the applications of the pure state of the properties of the properties. question should be app with great caution. No case which was exactly on; with the present had bee The other matter which; careful consideration was the

court was always cautio jealous to protect possible not before the court. It court had an application would involve the interpret statutory instruments. It research that some sort of preceden be created. Counter-legislation was designed reto protect parties but to the financial allairs of the dom. Any construction of tion was a mater of genera concern.
When a question arose existing contract it might be sary to determine it, but the no necessity to determine

tion of the present charact plaintiff and the defenda pames had not thought it to join the Attorney Gener Lordship declined to enter originating summons. The tory instruments of 1973 and contain certain provi ing Brothers had found it ticable to rely upon then possibility was discussed proceedings being remode making a conditional contr his Lordship did not feel suggestion would assist exercising his jurisdiction originating summons woul fore be dismissed. Solicitors: Slaughter & M John S. Copp.

Court of Appeal

Back yard not part of exterior of house

Hopwood v Rugeley Urban District Council Before Lord Justice Cairns, Lord Justice Stephenson and Mr Justice Brightman

[Judgment delivered Dec 10.] [Judgment delivered Dec 10.] a lane and also to an a The phrase "structure and house, but that was fi exterior of the dwelling house" saying, as was said in case, that the yard was range and means of access to the line that case Lord Justice back vard of the house or means of access to the back yard. It which the judge could re includes only the essential means conclusion he did; in the

of access to the house. The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Mrs Enid Violet Hopwood, a widow of Newman Grove, Rugeley, against the dismissal, at Stafford County Court (Deputy Judge Humphrey Lewis) last February, of her action against the local authority, as landlords of the house, for damages for injuries she received when she fell in the back yard. Mrs Hopwood's late husband was

the tenant of the house.

Section 32 provides: "(1) In any lease of a dwellinghouse . . . there shall be implied a covenant by the lessor-(a) to keep in repair Burlison v Official Solic the structure and exterior of the dwellinghouse (including drains, gutters and external pipes: . . ."

Mr Malcolm Potter for Mrs Hopwood; Mr Frank Chapman for the

wood; Mr Frank Chapman for the local authority.

LORD JUSTICE CAIRNS said that the house, which was at the end of a terrace, had a yard loft wide. In the space between the yard and the house there was a concreted area adjoining the yard, then a row of paving slabs and another concreted area next to the house. The slabs had sunk causing a projection of about 1½in.

Mrs. Honwood tripped on the Mrs Hopwood tripped on the slabs and fell when going from her back door to have a chat with her neighbour. The judge held that there was no obligation on the local authority to keep the slabs in repair. in repair.

It was conceded that if the ob-

ligation to repair was established Mrs Hopwood was entitled to succeed under section 4(1) of the Occupiers Liability Act, 1957. It was acknowledged that the local authority knew of the lack of repair.

authority knew of the lack of repair.

I'me judge said that steps at the front of the house and part of the front door were exterior and integral parts of the house but that the row of slabs in the back and the path to the back door were not, although no doubt they were used by Mrs Hopwood.

The judge had based himself on the Court of Appeal decision in Brown v Liverpool Corporation (1969) 3 All ER 1345). In that case, the only reported one on

case, the only reported one on the section, a house had a path runding into steps which went up to the road, the house being at a lower level than the road. The lower level than the road. The question was whether the land-lords had a duty under section 32 to keep the steps in repair as part of the structure or exterior of the building.

Lord Justice Danckwerts said that the steps did not form part of the structure but that they and the flagstones forming the path formed nart of the extension formed part of the exterior, and that they were attached to the house for the purpose of access and formed a necessary part of it. Lord Justice Salmon concluded Lord Justice Salmon concluded that the steps and path must be an integral part of the building, otherwise it could not be used as a dwellinghouse as it would have no means of access. Both Lords Justices and Lord Justice Sachs based their judgments on the fact that the steps were an essential part of the only way into the house. That was certainly not so in the present case.

Ordinarily the means o to a house was from the door, and it was doubtful the back yard could be as a means of access at all was a way out from the y

case the judge reached an conclusion on the facts facts entitled him to r Section 32 could not be beyond what was held in case to include a back access to it.
Lord Justice Stephen livered a concurring judge Mr Justice Brightman agn

both judgments.
Solicitors: Allan Jay &
Hand, Morgan & Owen, F
Hollinshead & Moody, S

When a moth remarries

Judge Stabb. QC, said that the Law Reform (Misco Provisions) Act, 1971. that remarriage of a winot to be taken into acassessing damages payable in respect of ber husband on a claim under the Fa dents Acts, the 1971 provis not apply to children some they benefit from their remarriage, their benefit taken into account in damages payable to them of their father.

His Lordship (sitting as judge of the Queen's Ber sion) was assessing damag action brought by the widow and administratri deceased person, on her be on behalf of two children marriage, for damages to gence in causing the de

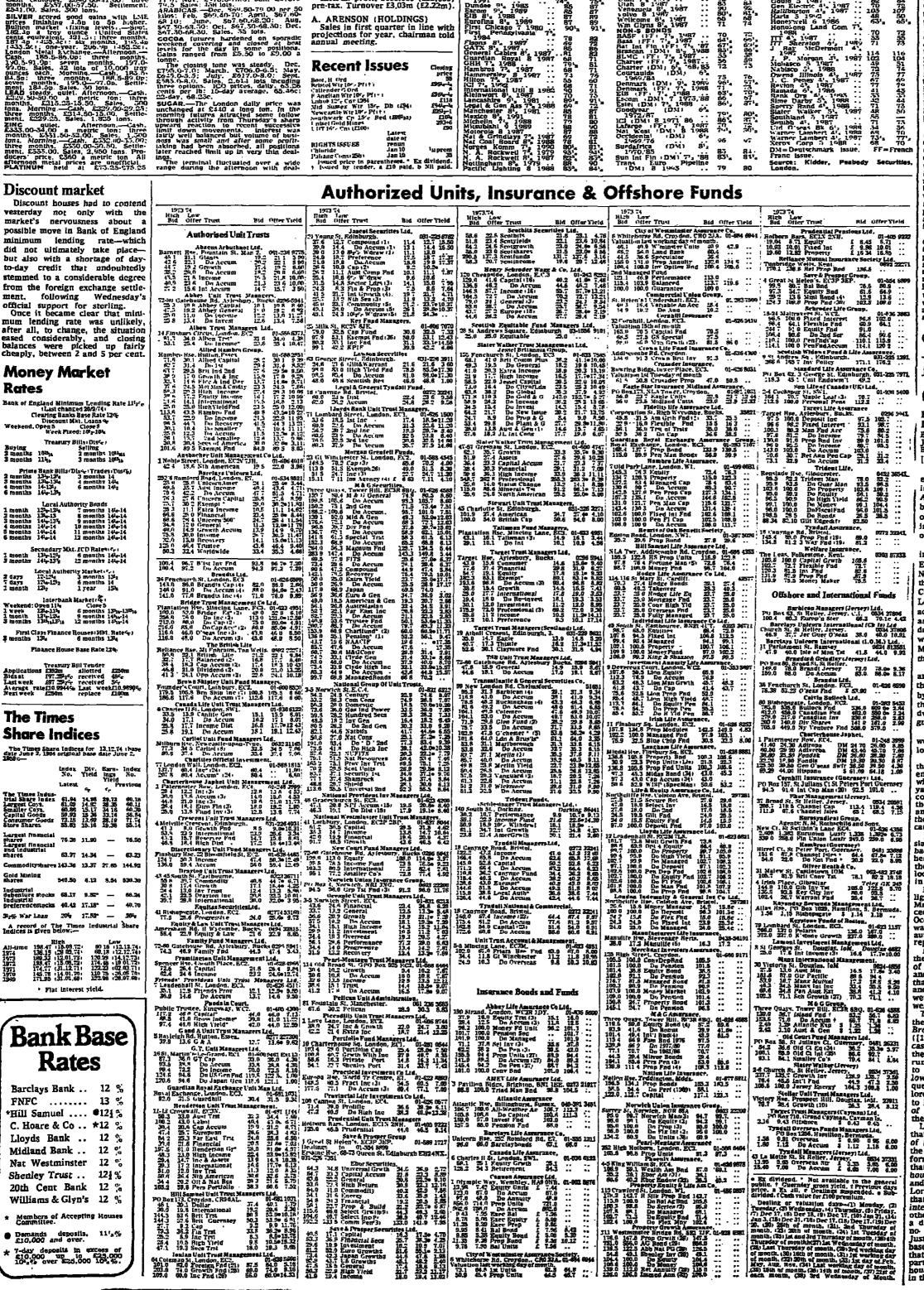
He said that the relevan of the Act (section 4(1) be construed strictly. The provided only for consider damages payable to the w

Observance (affidavit rule

Sir Anthony Plowman. Chancellor, drew attention need to comply with Or rule 9 of the Rules of the Court, on the filing of al His Lordship said that bad been more honoured breach in me observa so far as his Lordship cerned, that was not goin the case in the future. H that his words would bear His Lordship, however, certain affidavits to be rea case before him.

Arson charges

John Harold Smith, age porter, of Shadwell C Warney Street, Stepne committed for trial Central Criminal Thames magistrates' co terday on four charges (



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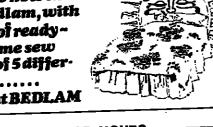
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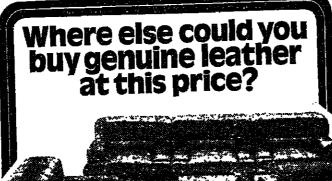


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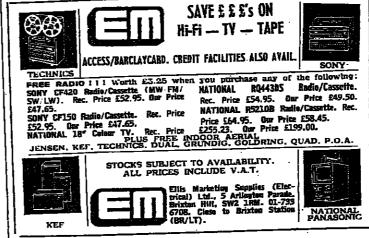
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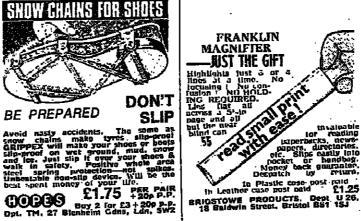
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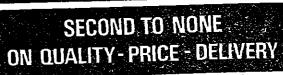
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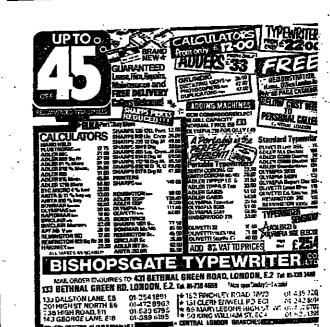




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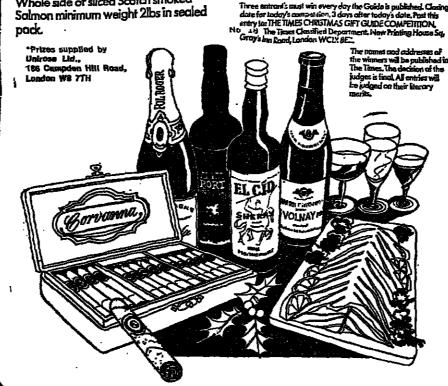
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23 Rumour of decibels (5).

24 Kipling's legionary left Rome for her sake (6).

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3 Those French ladies by the lake take port (9).
4 Dearest Dad. well played!
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